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Locals want to put the pride back in community

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Wheelchair athlete Jordanne gets gold

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Sparks flying in new red tape war

THE NEW Labour leader of Dudley Council has vowed to give the community a greater say in the way the authority is run as he outlined his priorities for the coming year.

Less than a week after Labour swept to power in Dudley as the Tories' support collapsed, Councillor David Sparks says he has already started cutting red tape.

He said he would overhaul the current area committee system to involve residents more and ensure their concerns are discussed.

He said beauty spots such as Wren's Nest and Saltwells nature reserves in Dudley should be celebrated for their "international significance". Area committee meetings are held in Brierley Hill, Halesowen, Stourbridge and Central and North Dudley with the aim of addressing local issues.

But Councillor Sparks said: "These meetings are usually a line of councillors sitting opposite a line of officers talking about things that have no relevance to an area committee."

He said the chairmen of the meetings would form a "taskforce" to look at how the structure can be changed to make it "more relevant to communities".

The number of meetings per year will be restored to four, he said.

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Community fun day axed

A COMMUNITY fun day attracting thousands of visitors to Stourbridge has been axed after the company behind it is folding.

Stourbridge and Black Country Events, also known as S&B Events Ltd, held the last Party in the Park at Mary Stevens Park, on Bank Holiday Monday.

Bosses confirmed it would not be held again unless another company or community group decided to take it on in the future.

TEACHER HAD 98,000 CHILD PORN IMAGES

by Louise Jew

A TEACHER sacked from a Dudley school has admitted having almost 100,000 indecent images of children on his computer. Matthew Bullas, who worked at Castle High School, pleaded guilty to all nine charges of possessing

pictures and videos of children, downloaded from the internet.

The 32-year-old appeared at Dudley Magistrates Court on Wednesday, where District Judge Michael Wheeler sent him to be sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court on June 6.

West Midlands Police said Bullas was arrested at his Halesowen home on November 16 and computer equipment seized following information passed to the regional Child Online Safeguarding Team.

They also said the images were on his home computer and did not feature any child who currently attends the school or has attended the school in the past.

Bullas, who gave his address as Hamilton Drive, Wordsley, when he appeared at court, was allowed bail on conditions, including that he does not have unsupervised contact with children under 18 and that he does not access the internet except if the connection is filtered against receiving indecent material.

Explicit

The first charge he admitted is possessing 98,266 indecent photographs of children at Level 1, meaning the least explicit.

The other charges range from Levels 1 to 5, the most explicit category. He had five moving images of children in the most serious category, Level 5.

Mr David Truelove, prosecuting, told the District Judge that police executed a search warrant at Bullas's home and seized a computer and memory sticks, containing the indecent images detailed in the charges.

"He explained to officers what happened and why he did what he did," added Mr Truelove. He accepted the findings and he knew it was wrong to look at these images and to record them in a memory stick."

Castle High School revealed last week he had now been dismissed following an internal investigation. Dudley Council set up a phone line for concerned parents to ring which is now closed.

Students have prize in the can



Prize-winning young film makers from Leasowes Community College – front, from left, Billie-Mai Mahon and Josh Hanson, both 14, with other members of the team

YOUNG film-makers from Halesowen have snapped up a top global award – and it makes a hat-trick for their school.

Nine 14-year-olds from Leasowes Community College beat off international competition to win the Panasonic "Kids Witness News" award in the "learning journey" category.

Their news report – called "Health and Safety Today" – was filmed by them at Halesowen's branch of B&Q and around the town, where they asked people whether health and safety in the workplace is now taken to extremes.

It is the third year running Leasowes Community College has won one of the Panasonic award categories – in previous years teams have come top in the editing and citizenship sections.

"They had three days of technical training from former BBC staff on topics such as interviewing techniques and made the film under the supervision of art teacher Andy King," said Robert Thomas, Leasowes' assistant principal.

"We thought it might be a bridge too far to win for a third year – and we are all thrilled that they did it."

Panasonic donated the equipment, including the camera and tripods, for the project and the young film-makers will be treated to a day in London during August with winners from other sections, as well as receiving a plaque and certificate to mark their award.

250 look for Tesco jobs before it is built

MORE than 250 people have already enquired about jobs at a Dudley supermarket before building on the store has even started.

Tesco will open a branch in Stourbridge as part of a £50 million redevelopment, by Christmas next year.

It will generate around 320 new jobs for the town and is being built on the site of the former Crown Centre, which is currently being demolished.

Supermarket bosses said more than 250 people had expressed an interest in working at the town centre store.

Tesco spokesman Jonathan Simpson said: "The Stourbridge store will generate around 320 new jobs. We've had over 250 expressions of interest in taking one of the roles – which is fantastic."

"We normally start our recruitment around four months before a new store opens and always advertise our vacancies through Job Centre Plus."

"Our jobs are very popular as we offer flexible hours and an industry leading rate of pay with great benefits. Many of our senior colleagues started out working on the shop floor as we like to give people the opportunity to develop their careers."

Work to knock down the Crown Centre began in March.

Scouts given beacon task

SEVERAL hundred scouts are preparing to light a beacon at the top of the Clent Hills, near Stourbridge, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The flame will form part of a chain which will be lit up across high level beauty spots throughout the country on the night of June 4.

Halesowen and District Scouts will help build the fire which will be then set alight at 10.24pm.

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Lifelong fan Muriel, 85, opens penguin bay



Muriel Thatcher opens Penguin Bay with zoo chief executive Peter Sud-dock and staff

THE NEW Penguin Bay attraction has been officially launched at Dudley Zoo as part of the site's 75th anniversary celebrations.

The zoo has invested £40,000 to update the penguins' pool area – home to a colony of rare Humboldt birds. It was opened at the weekend by special guest Muriel Thatcher, who was at the opening day of the tourist attraction 75 years ago.

Miss Thatcher, now aged 85, has enjoyed a lifelong love affair with the zoo. Miss Thatcher said: "I came to the opening in 1937, my mother brought me and my little sister.

"When we got into the entrance there was the biggest cage you ever saw in your life, full of monkeys, it was absolutely gigantic.

She added: "I think the people here are so nice and they are friendly and will talk to you. Not only do they look after the animals, they will answer your questions."

The sheer sense of wonder that the opening of Dudley Zoo fired up in Muriel has never faded. She remembers the excitement sparked by attending the opening day of the zoo in 1937 – and she has been back there hundreds of times since.

She has "adopted" – or sponsored – at least 17 animals over the years and still catches the bus there from her Wolverhampton home every few weeks.

"I was 10 years of age when I went with my mother and little sister, Greta, to the opening of the zoo in May 1937," said Miss Thatcher, of Blackwood Avenue, Wednesfield.

"And my goodness, were we excited! In those days we lived in an old, terraced house on Can-

nock Road, Wolverhampton, and we loved cats and dogs. We'd read books about wild animals – but to see them ... well, I've never forgotten it."

Miss Thatcher worked as a shop assistant at Beatties and later as a domestic helper at the Queen Victoria nursing home in Wolverhampton and the old Wolverhampton Eye Infirmary.

She recalls that along with her mother and sister, she had to catch two buses to get to the zoo and then faced a wait in the horrendously long queue of at least two hours to get in.

"There was a gigantic tortoise which was big enough for you to sit on its back – health and safety wouldn't let you do it now. I remember camels and a lovely polar bear and lions and bison. And that castle ... I've never stopped loving it."

"I've practically lived at the zoo ever since and, apart from during the war years, I've been back every two or three weeks."

Zoo has been a roaring success for last 75 years

Thousands upon thousands of people have visited the iconic attraction in the centre of Dudley watched over by the famous castle, now it celebrates 75 years

WHEN IT roared into life 75 years ago, Dudley Zoological Gardens was a worldbeater – the "most modern in Europe" with revolutionary buildings that let people get as close to the animals as possible.

West Midlanders went animal crackers for it, with 100,000 descending on Dudley in the hope of seeing creatures they had only ever been able to read about before.

Two openings were held – one on May 6, when the Earl of Dudley, owner of the 30-acre site where the 11th century Dudley Castle stands as the proud centrepiece, and local sausage butcher Edward Marsh, of Marsh and Baxter fame, proudly launched their pet project.

It was the second public opening, on May 15, when 100,000 clamoured to be let in but only around 55,000 lucky individuals actually got in. At times the queues were nearly a mile long and it was midnight before the crowds finally left Dudley.

Architects

It was constructed as a "zoo without bars" and the architects were renowned modernists – the Tecton Group, led by Russian-born Berthold Lubetkin.

They used reinforced concrete to create the distinctive, thin-walled Tecton buildings, designed to protect the welfare of the animals while meeting visitors' demands to get a clear, but safe, view.

Since that first glimpse by eager Black Country folk of a world full of animals they had never seen before, including elephants, giraffes, sea lions, flamingos, lions and polar bears, millions have flocked to the zoo.

And it remains one of the top tourist attractions in the West Midlands, with



Big attraction – the penguin pool as it was when the zoo opened in 1937

219,000 visitors last year, and many local family albums are packed with images of days out at the zoo.

But it has not all been plain sailing.

The Second World War meant food, even for humans, was scarce. West Midlanders rallied to grow fruit and vegetables to make sure the animals did not starve, although the number of animals was severely depleted by the end of the conflict. Staff began to restock after the war and the 1950s and 60s were once again halcyon days for the zoo, with attendances up.

In 1970 the Scotia leisure group bought the zoo. Among the main attractions in the 1960s were Cuddles the killer whale and Bonzo the gorilla, who died about 20 years ago aged 45. But modifications by Scotia to the dolphin and whale pools, adapted from

the seal pools, fell foul of local planning laws and the zoo was ordered to return them to their original state.

As the zoo was not prepared to invest in purpose-built pools, Cuddles was due to be moved to Flamingoland in Yorkshire but sadly died in February 1974 just three days before the transfer. The zoo went into receivership in 1977 but six months later Dudley Council stepped in to buy the zoo and it changed hands for £450,000.

Bailing

The council invested £250,000 of that but it pledged that ratepayers' money should not be spent on bailing out the attraction.

The Dudley and West Midlands Zoological Society was formed in February 1978 as a charity, with Bristol Clifton and West of



The Earl of Dudley and Edward Marsh, 1937

England Zoological Society as the major shareholder. A massive appeal was launched, with the local press and members of the public rallying to raise money to save their zoo.

As part of this drive, during the late 1970s, readers of the Chronicle's sister paper, the Express & Star brought an orphaned baby elephant from South Africa, supplied by Bristol Zoo, to Dudley.

Readers named the 300lb elephant Estar and it became a local celebrity. Eventually, the council was repaid its £250,000 and the balance of the purchase price covered through public donations and good house-keeping at the zoo. The council still owns the land, while the zoological society runs the attraction.

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NEWS
in briefCathedrals will
tell Bible stories

Famous stories from the Bible will be told at two Cathedrals in a series of medieval-style mystery plays later in the year.

The plays were the traditional way stories were passed on during the medieval period but the new versions will be brought up to date using modern language and music. Worcester and Gloucester Cathedrals will stage the events.

The plays will take place on December 4, 5 and 6.

Tickets for the events are £12.50 or £10 with concessions for under-16s.

Repeat music
event planned

PLANS are being drawn up for another live music event in a Midland park after the latest show proved a success.

The third Weekend in the Park at St George's Park in Kidderminster attracted hundreds of visitors and organisers want to expand the event next year.

Spike Betterton, Friends chairman, said the event on April 21 was "a major success".

Golf day to raise
funds for charity

A CHARITY golf day will raise money for two good causes in the Black Country next month.

Tea 4 Two will take place at Worfield Golf Club on June 28 for Dudley Group NHS Charity and Beacon Centre for the Blind in Sedgley. Tee off will be at 12.30pm. The cost per team of four players will be £275. For further details call 01902 880 111.

Town Hall will
show War Horse

HIT film War Horse will be screened at Stourbridge Town Hall on May 14.

The movie, directed by Steven Spielberg will be the Monday Matinee in the Wollaston Suite at 1.30pm.

Admission is £3 and includes tea and coffee. For tickets call 01384 812812.

Blood donations

BLOOD donor sessions will be held in Stourport at the Civic Centre on May 10 from 1pm to 3.30pm and 4.30pm to 7pm. Booking appointments is recommended call 0300 123 23 23.

Company
looking
to expand

A TOOLMAKING firm is set to increase its staff by more than 10 per cent and expand its production line as business booms due to the success of major car companies.

Bosses at Petford Tools in Dudley plan to take on up to 15 staff in the coming months as they spend more than £1million on two or three new machines.

The firm in Peartree Lane has invested £3m over the last five years and now operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It recently broke the £14m annual sales barrier for the first time in its 42-year history.

A £600,000 injection moulding machine from German manufacturer KraussMaffei is helping production. It is hoped two new machines will bring in an extra £2 million in business to the firm, which employs around 105 staff.

There has been growth across all areas of the business, but especially in the automotive sector where it supplies Jaguar Land Rover, Bentley, Nissan, Ford, Toyota and Aston Martin.

Technical sales manager Nick Howard said: "There seems to be plenty of interest and enquiries coming from the auto industry."

Workshops
on cancers

HEALTH workers will be helping to raise awareness of two types of cancer during a new campaign.

Teams will be talking to residents at workshops in the Dudley borough.

They will be helping people learn more about the early signs of oesophago-gastric-gullet and stomach cancer as part of the Be Clear on Cancer campaign.

The events will be held at Concord Market, Brierley Hill, May 11 and Churchill Shopping Centre, Dudley, May 19. Also Dudley Library on July 5. The events run 10am to 3pm.

Pupils raise cash

CHILDREN at a Dudley school raised more than £6,000 for Sports Relief.

Roberts Primary School, Lower Gornal, organised its own Sports Relief mile for children.

Event co-ordinator, Rajinder Kandola, said: "This is by far the largest amount anyone at Roberts has ever raised for a charity event."

Surprise election results
see a big swing to Labour

Staff hard at work counting the votes before the surprise result on Thursday

LABOUR has seized power in
Dudley after winning 12 seats in a
devastating defeat for the ruling
Conservative group.

The party now has a clear majority of 11 seats having previously been well behind the Tories.

Former council leader Les Jones retained his Pedmore and Stourbridge East seat with a majority of 660 but had to watch as his party suffered serious losses at the hands of Labour.

He said the party had expected to make "some losses" but not to the extent it suffered.

"It has been a bad night but we will now obviously have to put all of the plans that we have on hold. We will be back," he said. "We will be scrutinising everything that the new ruling Labour group does and will pick ourselves up from this. Do not count out the Dudley Conservative group."

Labour has 41 seats, the Tories have 29 and the Green party also won a seat.

A by-election is yet to be held in the Norton ward following the death of Conservative councillor Angus Adams last month.

New council leader, Labour's David Sparks, said: "Obviously I am really pleased with the result, especially because it was not

predicted by many people. It is down to lots of local councillors fighting local issues.

"I am also determined to carry out a review of how the council operates."

Among the key political scalps were former cabinet member for housing Adrian Turner, who lost his Lye and Stourbridge North seat to Labour's Tremaine Herbert. She won with a poll of 1,241 votes, a majority of 494.

Other long serving members to have lost their seats included Wordsley's Geoffrey Southall who lost out to Labour's Derek Hemingsley. Mr Hemingsley polled 1,293 votes.



Councillor Adrian Turner at the count

Dudley's mayor Councillor Michael Evans retained his seat for the party with 1,383 votes and a majority of 520.

The Green party won a council seat from the Tories in Netherton Woodside and St Andrews. Will Duckworth polled 1,525 to beat the Conservatives' Stephen Ridley.

UKIP lost its only seat on Dudley Council when Asif Ahmed of Labour received 1,321 with a majority of 189, unseating Malcolm Davis in St James's ward. Overall voter turnout was around 29 per cent.

The highest turnout in the borough at 36.01 per cent was in Pedmore & Stourbridge East.

COUNCIL RESULTS 2012

*Incumbent party

AMBLECOTE

Christine Perks (Lab) 1049
Colin Banks (Con) 932
Paul Bradley (UKIP) 474

Derek Rudd (Green) 101
Susan Lucas (LD) 100
Lab Gain. Majority 117

BELLE VALE

Donella Russell (Lab) 1362
Jennie Dunn (Con) 1044
Bill Roberts (UKIP) 361

John Payne (Green) 151
Lab Gain. Majority 318

BRIERLEY HILL

Margaret Wilson (Lab) 1334
Dan Horrocks (Con) 401
Stuart Larmer (UKIP) 365

Gordon Elcock (Green) 158
Lab Hold. Majority 933

BROCKMORE &

PENSNETT

John Martin (Lab) 1143
Susan Greenaway (Con) 485
Just Stevens (UKIP) 285

Vicky Duckworth (Green) 76
Lab Gain. Majority 658

CASTLE &
PRIORY

Margaret Aston (Lab) 1652

Simon Townend (Con) 527
Tim Byrne (UKIP) 458
Bill McComish (Green) 83

Lab Hold. Majority 1125

COSELEY EAST

George Davies (Lab) 1366
Martin Duffield (Con) 468
Helen Wilmott (UKIP) 430

Ken Griffiths (NF) 177
Becky Blatchford (Green) 71
Lab Hold. Majority 898

CRADLEY &

WOLLESCOTE

Gaye Partridge (Lab) 1741
Colin Elcock (Con) 474
Mike Hawkins (UKIP) 383

Karl Owen (Green) 105
Lois Bramall (LD) 88
Lab Hold. Majority 1267

GORNAL

Dave Branwood (Lab) 1409
David Stanley (Con) 1336
Philip Rowe (UKIP) 876

David Blatchford (Green) 75
Lab Gain. Majority 73

HALESOWEN

NORTH

Hilary Bills (Lab) 1457
Mike Wood (Con) 1150

Stuart Henley (UKIP) 323

Simon Foxall (BNP) 107
Quira Blatchford (Green) 122
Lab Gain. Majority 307

HALESOWEN

SOUTH

David Vickers (Con) 1489
John Lewis (Lab) 1026
John Marshall (UKIP) 495

Tim Weller (Green) 192
Con Hold. Majority 463

HAYLEY GREEN &

CRADLEY SOUTH

Hazel Turner (Con) 1265
Ian Cooper (Lab) 1080
Bob Heeley (UKIP) 404

Colin Royle (Green) 146
Robert Weale (BNP) 120
Con Hold. Majority 185

K-FORD NORTH

& WALL HEATH

(2 seats available)

David Tyler (Lab) 1574
Lynn Boleyn (Lab) 1482
Dee Harley (Con) 1464

David Simms (Con) 1192
Dean Pears (UKIP) 560
Phil Wilmott (UKIP) 419

Liz Jednorog (Green) 151
Francis Sheppard (Green) 87

Lab Gain. Majority 18.

KINGSWINFORD

SOUTH

David Blood (Con) 1588
Shaz Saleem (Lab) 1097
Jenny Rudd (Green) 404

Con Hold. Majority 491

LYE &

STOURBRIDGE N

Tremaine Herbert (Lab) 1241
Adrian Turner (Con) 747
Tony Oliver (UKIP) 349

Abdul Qadus (Ind) 305
Vera Johnson (LD) 100
Dennis Neville (Green) 89

Lab Gain. Majority 494

NETHERTON, WOODSIDE

& ST ANDREW'S

Will Duckworth (Green) 1525

Mahbub Rahman (Lab) 1269
Steven Ridley (Con) 335
Craig Ingram (UKIP) 257

Green Gain. Majority 256

NORTON

Mike Attwood (Con) 1570
Michael Kelly (Lab) 801
Paul Barton (UKIP) 441

Margaret Hanson (LD) 237
Benjamin Sweeney (Green) 215
Con Hold. Majority 769

PEDMORE &

STOURBRIDGE E

Les Jones (Con) 1747
Joe Gayten (Lab) 1087
Lynette Wragg (UKIP) 386

Simon Hanson (LD) 204
Roy Sadler (Green) 162
Con Hold. Majority 660

QUARRY BANK &

DUDLEY WOOD

Bryan Cottenill (Lab) 1758
Tim Wood (Con) 476
Pam Archer (Green) 222

David Sheppard (LD) 78
Lab Hold. Majority 1282

SEDGLEY

Michael Evans (Con) 1383
Bill Etheridge (UKIP) 863
Barbara Sykes (The Labour

and Co-operative Party) 810
Donna Dodson (Green) 121
Con Hold. Majority 520

ST JAMES

Asif Ahmed (Lab) 1321
Malcolm Davis (UKIP) 1132
David Allen (Con) 396

Daniel Archer (Green) 109
Lab Gain. Majority 189

ST THOMAS

Shaukat Ali (Lab) 2143
Michael Forsyth (UKIP) 523

Daryl Millward (Con) 317
Christian Green (Green) 124
Lab Hold. Majority 1620

UPPER GORNAL

& WOODSETTON

Keiran Casey (Lab) 1220
Julian Ryder (Con) 859
Star Etheridge (UKIP) 452

Kevin Inman (NF) 123
Emma Harrison (Green) 83
Lab Gain. Majority 361

WOLLASTON &

S-BRIDGE TOWN

(2 Seats available)
Chris Hale (Lab) 1397
Ian Marrey (Lab) 1317

Nicolas Barlow (Con) 1213
Matt Rogers (Con) 1025
Glen Wilson (UKIP) 365

Pete Lee (UKIP) 353
June Collins (LD) 478
Christopher Bramall (LD) 435

Lawrence Rowlett (Green) 229
Jane Sheppard (Green) 164
Lab Gain. Majority 96

WORDSLEY

Derrick Hemingsley (Lab) 1293
Geoffrey Southall (Con) 1161
Raymond Franklin (UKIP) 412

Maurice Archer (Green) 115
Lab Gain. Majority 132

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THE BEST
OF PETER
RHODES

A REPORT being considered by ministers suggests that bad teachers should be paid less than good teachers. Surely bad teachers shouldn't be paid at all.

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MAYBE the long delays at Heathrow are a fiendishly clever way of establishing whether people are who they claim to be. Anyone who cannot queue patiently for a couple of hours is clearly not British.

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I AWOKE to a strange sense of déjà vu as the Bank of England boss Sir Mervyn King explained that as the banking crisis approached, he should have done more to raise the alarm. As he put it: "With the benefit of hindsight, we should have shouted from the rooftops."

I interviewed Gordon Brown when he was prime minister and asked if he had any regrets. With hindsight, Brown explained piously, he should have done more to alert to world to the lack of regulation in the banking system.

Curious, isn't it, that they did not share their foreboding with each other and do something about it before the system collapsed? Who knows what they might have achieved by shouting from the rooftops together? Instead, both men now accept blame, not for sinning, but for failing to point out the sins of others. Behold, the art of the guiltless apology.

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MEANWHILE, a young friend who is a product of one of Britain's few remaining grammar schools started work recently and was given a hard time by the office manager who insisted on calling him "posh boy". Eventually the lad stood his ground and explained: "I'm not posh. I'm clever."

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

School jobs at risk as pupil numbers decline

JOBS could be at risk at a Black Country school due to a drop in student numbers, bosses have warned. Staff, governors and union officials are being consulted on the plans for the future of Leasowes Community College in Halesowen.

Lifesavers could be installed

DEFIBRILLATORS could be installed at public buildings in Dudley borough as part of a scheme backed by councillors.

They say the case of Premier League footballer Fabrice Muamba collapsing recently has put the issue under the spotlight.

The plans could cost £100,000 to install about 40 machines in places such as Halesowen Leisure Centre.

Councillor Ken Turner, member for Hagley Green and Cradley South, has raised the matter with council bosses to try to move forward with the scheme.

"We all heard and were touched by what happened to Fabrice Muamba and by the role played by medical staff and doctors using a defibrillator to save his life," said Councillor Turner.

Principal Neil Shaw confirmed redundancies were being considered as part of the proposals to restructure the specialist business and enterprise college. According to Ofsted, the school in Kent Road has 1,017 pupils, aged 11 to 16, on the roll. It employs around 145 members of staff.

Mr Shaw said: "Leasowes Community College is a happy and continually improving school due to the hard work of our teaching and support staff, school governors and committed students."

"This year we have seen a reduction in pupil admission numbers at the college and as a result we are proposing a restructure to streamline the way we work in order to ensure we continue our excellent work with pupils and staff here."

"Unfortunately, this could mean redundancies, the details of which will be made clear at the end of an ongoing internal consultation involving staff, governors and trade unions."

Cleaning up neighbourhood



Brother and sister Jamie and Megan Sermon ready for a spot of litter-picking at St Paul's Church in Vicarage Road, Halesowen, with volunteers from the Shell Corner Partnership

A COMMUNITY group is appealing for help for a neighbourhood cleanup in Halesowen later this month.

Volunteers from the Shell Corner Partnership are planning a litter pick for Sunday May 20 and hope people will come out in force to spring clean the area.

People wanting to get involved can turn up on the day and all equipment will be provided including bags, litter pickers and protective gloves.

The Shell Corner Partnership is an open group of residents and businesses who meet regularly to discuss how they can improve the area.

Peter Hensman, the group's vice chairman said: "This is a great opportunity for us all to take pride in our community while meeting neighbours and making new friends."

The meet up point for the litter pick is St Paul's Church Hall at 2.30pm. Visit www.shellcornerpartnership.co.uk for more information.

Service is waiting for trust decision

THE REGION'S ambulance service has submitted its bid to gain freedom from government control to Health Secretary Andrew Lansley.

If successful, there will be elections held for governors to oversee its work.

West Midlands Ambulance Service bosses are now waiting to hear whether their application to be put among the best in the country has been approved.

A decision on its application to become a foundation trust is due later this year before it is passed to independent regulator Monitor, which has the final say.

Foundation status gives health trusts greater control of their affairs and funding as they are not directly controlled by the Government.

Five seats will be available to staff governors and 15 public members will also have the opportunity to represent constituents on the Members' Council.

Anyone interested in being a governor, can get further information on 01384 246 411 or email: foundation-trust@wmas.nhs.uk.

Volunteers call

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help run an arts festival in Stourbridge.

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A night for the family at museum

THE BLACK Country Living Museum is opening after hours for Europe's Nuit des Musées event on May 19 when admission will be half price.

The museum village in Tipton Road, Dudley, will be illuminated by gas and candlelight so visitors can mingle with the costumed characters in period shops, houses and workplaces.

Families can enjoy musical entertainment including street performers, choirs in the chapel and brass bands. Children can try circus skill games, animal balloon making and face painting.

Director Andrew Lovett, said: "Events such as 'Museums at Night' are of vital importance to the museums and galleries community - encouraging new audiences and tempting first time visitors through the doors."

Last year Black Country Living Museum was one of the most visited museums in Europe for this event and we hope this year will be just as memorable."

More than 1,000 museums and galleries in over 30 countries take part in the Museums at Night every year. Book tickets at www.bclm.com/bookings or call 0121 520 8054. Gates open at 6.30pm.

Rock celebration

A CELEBRATION of rock and roll music will be held in Stourport. It will take place at Riverside Meadows on June 3 from noon.

Reluctant snipper showing pride in 50-year tradition

A DUDLEY woman who was reluctant to follow in the family tradition of hairdressing is now celebrating 50 years of the company being a cut above. Alison Webb eventually followed in the footsteps of her mother and grandmother. She has now taken a trip down memory lane to celebrate the business trading in Wall Heath for half a century.

Hippodrome rescue plan

CAMPAIGNERS will create a business plan to show to investors and council bosses how a revamped Dudley Hippodrome could bring theatregoers flooding back to the region.

They hope to detail how big name stars, touring productions and other theatre groups would come to the rejuvenated venue.

Ideas have been submitted to the Black Country chamber of commerce for experts to give the campaigners advice on the way forward.

They hope to devise a fully-costed and workable proposal to renovate the building. Campaign leader, Geoff Fitzpatrick, said he had made contact with the chamber of commerce to push the bid forward.

"The idea came from the council saying if someone comes with a viable business plan then they will consider it," he said. "We are going to try and come up with a plan that looks into uses for the building and how we can go about this."

The former college lecturer has been joined by other campaigners to form an action committee. Anyone interested in helping the campaigners is asked to email Mr Fitzpatrick on: ghfitzpatrick@hotmail.co.uk or call 07875 901369.

Speaking of her pride in what her family had established, she pledged to continue what they had started in years to come.

Alison, aged 35, bought the business, now called Elizabeth & Lee, from her mother Bonnie Thorpe eight years ago, continuing the family tradition.

The shop is now in Albion Parade but it originally started at the rear of a chemist, in High Street, in the early 1960s.

It was started by Alison's grandmother Maisie Hodgkiss and was such a success she asked her son, Paul, to get involved with the business. She cut the men's hair and he the women's.

Alison's mother started working at the firm as a Saturday girl and was responsible for washing people's hair.

Bonnie proved very popular with customers and proved a natural at hairdressing.

Then in the 1970s she took over running of the business when Paul decided to become a driving instructor. The hairdressers moved to Albion Parade in the late 1970s. Through the 80s it was known as Bonnie and Clyde and Passion.

Alison said she had originally had no plans to take over the business and had attended art college in her teens.

"My father actually encouraged me to do something else but at the age of 19 I decided I really wanted to give it a shot," she said.

"My mother and I agreed I should be trained independently so I worked elsewhere at the beginning of my career."

"I then came and worked for my mother for four years and when she decided to retire I bought the company."



Celebrating - from left, Gemma Allen, owner Alison Webb, Kirsty Gregg and Nikki Freeman



An advert for the salon which was in the Star Advertiser in 1965



Paul Hodgkiss who was the former owner of Paul's Hair Fashions

NEWS in brief

Drama group is looking to recruit

A BLACK Country drama group is searching for new members. Tipton ARTS wants to hear from anyone who likes to sing, dance and act - and are especially seeking more men to join.

Rehearsals take place every Tuesday night at the Mill Theatre, Mill Bank, Sedgley.

Members are preparing to stage their next performance called The Ultimate Collection at the Coneygre Arts Centre, Sedgley Road, East, Tipton, on May 24, to 26. For information log on to www.tiptonarts.co.uk

Centre prepares to hold craft fair

A BLACK COUNTRY arts centre is making final preparations for a spring craft fair and people are being urged to get in touch soon if they want to take up a stall.

The event by Netherton Regeneration Strategic Group is at the town's arts centre, Northfield Road, on May 20 from 11am to 4pm.

There will be a variety of stalls and activities. Entry is 50p. Stalls cost £20. Call 01384 813943.

New exhibitions for art groups

HAGLEY and Norton Art groups will show their work on July 14 and 15 at St John the Baptist Church, High Street, Halesowen. To exhibit call 0121 550 7622 or email trebor_1@talk-talk.net before June 29.

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Business loss claim over asbestos fire at car site

A Dudley business couple claim to have lost hundreds after being put out of action for a week by a blaze involving asbestos at a neighbouring car repair company.

They say action was not taken quickly enough. Melissa Taylor and her partner Adrian North allege Dudley Council and the motor company, Compton Court Motors, of Netherton, have not acted as they should have to clear the asbestos debris from the area.

Firefighters, who suspect arson, warned the couple, who run Xtreme Print Solutions from the garage at the end of their garden in Park Road, to keep away from that area until the asbestos was cleaned up.

"We have not been able to go to our garage to open up the business since the fire and have lost earnings as a result," said Miss Taylor, aged 34.

"We've had to turn down one job worth nearly £200 and we are having to carry forward £500 to £600 of business because we haven't been able to do the work."

Miss Taylor said she had complained to both the council and Compton Court Motors that the asbestos debris was still littering their garden two days after the blaze, which ripped through a garage next to the motor firm on April 25.

Harpal Singh, son of Compton Court Motors owner Amreek Singh, said work to clear the asbestos, costing £2,500, could only start after the firm received quotations - and contractors have begun the task.

"The outhouse building that caught fire wasn't insured so we have had to pay."

Tickets for Shakespeare

TICKETS have gone on sale for performances of Shakespeare's Macbeth in the Midlands.

The production will be staged in the Lady Chapel at Worcester Cathedral from October 24 to 27.

It is set to attract visitors from across the region and it is hoped Shakespeare at the Cathedral can become an annual event.

Olympic inspired music



Music teacher John Griffiths with his Olympic inspired song pack

A MUSICIAN has produced a CD of Olympic-themed songs for schools to use in projects or plays in the run-up to the big event.

John Griffiths, of Kidderminster, has put together a pack, One Dream, which contains the CD of tracks and separate lyrics which youngsters can sing in their own productions.

Mr Griffiths, aged 58, a part-time music teacher at Birchen Coppice

Primary, has been putting packs together on different themes for the past four years.

The songs are based themes, including the Olympic Dream, an athlete's anticipation for the games and the dedication of those taking part.

Schools which would like a pack are asked to contact Mr Griffiths by email on john_griff@hotmail.com

A dash for cash will aid Beacon blind centre

A SPACEHOPPER race and a shopping trolley dash will be among the activities at a sports fundraiser in aid of Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind.

The charity is hosting an Alternative Games and is on the lookout for teams.

It will take place on September 9 at Tipton Sports Academy and run from noon until 4pm.

Other activities include a wheelie bin race, welly wanging, pork pie throwing and a fancy dress, super hero run.

The activities will be weather permitting so there could be a slightly different schedule on the day.

Teams of six are needed and members will need to raise £100 between them for the charity. There is a £30 registration fee.

All the money raised will go to the charity, which is based in Wolverhampton Road East.

Registration forms for the event are available from the charity's website www.beacon4blind.co.uk or call the fundraising department on 01902 880111.

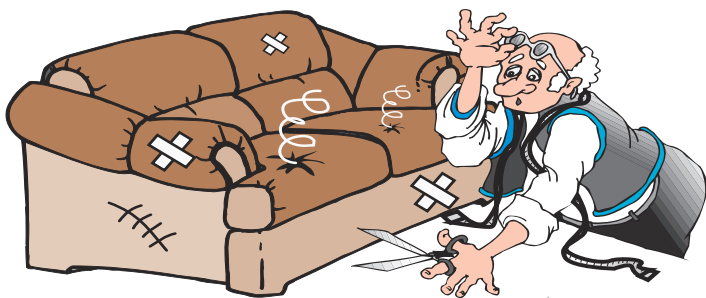
Fungi at event

AN EXPERT on fungi will be at the latest meeting organised by the Hartlebury Common Local Group.

The event at 8pm on May 14 at Stourport Boat Club will be led by Roy Mantle.

Entry is £3. Visit www.hartleburycommonlocalgroup.org.uk or phone Dr Joy Rooney on 01299 877275.

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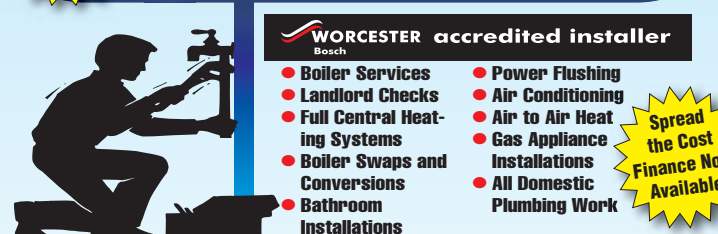
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Crazy bureaucracy in the NHS

MY WIFE is a specialist nurse at one of the large Birmingham hospitals.

Recently she asked her line manager if she could have a presentation folder to store paper work.

To which her manager said yes she can if she finds one she likes he will order it for her.

So my wife found a leather presentation folder online.

It was just under £7. So returned to her manager to ask for it to be ordered, but to her dismay she was informed she cannot possibly have this one as it's not from an approved NHS supplier.

So instead she was given a beefy looking catalogue from the NHS logistics department.

She found an almost identical folder but not at such an identical price, this folder was a little over £50 but because it was from an approved supplier they had no issues in buying it.

To me this does not make sense when we are in and out of recessions and supposed NHS cutbacks.

I know this is only a small thing in the bigger picture of NHS finance but I'm sure it's happening across the board from CT scanners to uniforms.

I am also a nurse but I work in the private sector where if we find a cheaper alternative at the same quality we go ahead and buy it, without a six month paper exercise and several highly paid bureaucrats umming and arring over it.

To me this is bureaucracy gone mad and the NHS working itself into a downward spiral of financial demise.

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Horses for courses do as they are trained

LIKE millions of others worldwide, I watch the Grand National on TV.

The last time I placed a bet on a horse was more than 50 years ago.

Susie Hayward obviously is a horse lover, and I sympathise with her and all horse lovers who agree with her comments.

But, and I must stress this point, many of the horses that unseated their jockeys in the national continued to race over the fences.

Horses are trained to do their jobs. If the owners and trainers felt that allowing them to run in races like the national was harmful, would they continue to do it? And also, why do many fields all over the country have "jumps" erected in them?

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Prison luxury is no longer punishment

THEY are paying £200m for a new prison, the third one in the Featherstone area, but this latest one has five-star accommodation facilities, telephones in cells, touch screen systems to order food, paid work, would it be taxable with an NI stamp?

No buses to catch, or petrol money to find to travel to work, and all this to increase their qualifications for employment when released. What about all the law-abiding, unemployed people who already have those qualifications, and can't get a job, or will it be a proviso in a CV that they must have a prison record to be employed?

Why would these offenders want to be released from this multi-million pound luxury prison, and working for a living? They've got everything they ever want or need in this prison, no bills to pay, all cosy and safe. Doesn't sound like punishment to me. I shouldn't be at all surprised to see coach parties of offenders queuing up to inspect the 'show cell' with a choice of their own colour schemes, fixtures and fittings.

MRS P A JORDAN, Coseley

Fuel use tests are simply for guidance

REGARDING the report of the "What Car" fuel consumption tests which dispute the official government figures, I would like to point out the figures which have to be available in advertising literature are not intended to show what a car achieves under normal driving.

What they are intended for is to give buyers a way of comparing one car with another, so if for instance one car's urban cycle figure is 40mpg and another is 37mpg it is reasonable to assume the 1st car is better.

Before the regulations came in, car manufacturers would do their own tests, and the claims, although no doubt true would be of no use to the consumer. So let us be thankful we have this system of testing.

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Residents flee as car fire threatens homes block

RESIDENTS have told how they fled their homes and watched a neighbour leap for his life from an upstairs window as a blaze threatening to engulf their block of flats.

A car parked about four feet away from Melzer House, Queen Street, Kidderminster burst into flames and loud bangs were heard as the heat cracked windows.

People living in the flats, many in their nightclothes, fled the building and later told how they saw one man jump about 15ft from a window. They talked his partner out of jumping and she fled down the stairs.

Elaine Soley, aged 50, was staying at her sister-in-law Cheryl Harvey's flat and was reading in bed when she heard some youths go by and, a few minutes later, the curtains looked as though they were going up in

flames. "I ran out and got Cheryl and we ran outside," said Mrs Soley, formerly of Kidderminster but now living near Bournemouth.

"We were stunned when we saw a young bloke jump out of an upstairs window on to a slanted roof and then on to the top of a van. The young woman he lives with was panicking at the window with her dressing gown on and she was going to jump.

"We told her to go back and put some shoes on and come down the stairs, which she did."

Around 12 residents fled the building, which was converted into flats from the old Bird in Hand pub. The car was gutted and firemen say that, although the cause has not been established, arson is suspected.

Fuel costs hitting service

A SERVICE that provides transport for elderly and disabled people has been forced to increase its fares by 16 per cent due to soaring fuel costs.

Wyre Forest Dial-a-Ride, which relies on donations and council grants, is charging an extra 50p per journey.

The group, which offers a door-to-door service for about 250 members, has faced funding problems.

Bosses say they have now been forced to hike the charges as fuel prices reach record levels. From today, journeys up to three miles will cost £3.50.

Passengers travelling three to five miles must pay £4. Trips over six miles

will be £6 and members with concessionary bus passes are entitled to a £1 discount.

Bosses say they are now spending more than £1,000 a month on fuel, which has almost doubled in recent years.

Budget

Worcestershire County Council provides an £18,000 annual grant but there are fears this will not continue as the authority makes budget cuts.

Dial-a-Ride co-ordinator Rob Hartell said: "We are struggling financially. The members have agreed to raise fares and this is all down to the fuel prices going up.

"We have to rely on the pump prices as we have no facilities to store the fuel.

Everybody is feeling the pinch. Our donations have fallen considerably and we are not getting as much financial support as we used to, so it is difficult."

The service was recently forced to make two part-time drivers redundant, while Mr Hartell's working week had been reduced from five to three days.

It has been hit by vandal attacks when yobs daubed graffiti on the outside walls of its shed in Brinton Park and splashed paint on a bus outside.

They also tampered with the vehicle's wiring and broke an aerial off another mini bus.

To join volunteer, help organise fundraising events or make a donation, call 01562 755084.

£4,000 to aid charity

NEARLY £4,000 has been raised for a community project in the Black Country by staff at a supermarket.

Sainsbury's in Amblecote generated £3,900 for the Brierley Hill Project through events over the last year. Customers had voted for the charity to be supported by the store.

The charity in Chapel Street, Brierley Hill, organises workshops for residents and helps people develop skills to boost their chances of finding a job.

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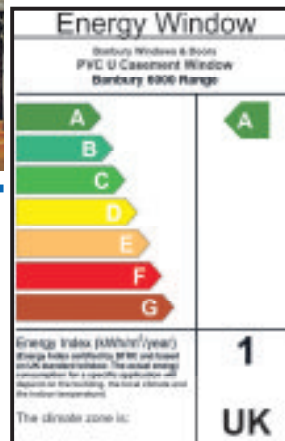
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Sandra Jones wife of David with their children



One of the Jones's funfair wagons bringing the rides to site



Lisa Jones, wife of Matthew Jones with their children



One of the rides read to be unloaded and set up

Keeping up with the Jones's is proving a fair attraction

THERE may be no business like show business but the fairground, once the realm of the imagination, took its public on a fantastical voyage – 100 years before the invention of television.

Giants, dwarves, exotic animals, strongmen and bearded ladies would set up for a week on a piece of waste ground and provide entertainment to those who might never go on holiday. The name Jones was synonymous with fairgrounds in the Black Country. In 1974, after the death of his father Ernest, David Jones took up the mantle and became the new "Guv'nor" of Jones's Fair. David inherited four grounds and soon acquired 18 more.

He also restored some of the old grounds the family had lost. David travelled around the West Midlands with waltzers, twisters and dodgems.

A showman to the core, David would arrive in his purple Jaguar, towing a 52ft purple caravan. Cherise Jones said: "My father Matthew grew

up on my granddad's fairground. They used to travel from March to November and had winter quarters in Cradley Heath. It was tough getting started in this business but my granddad would always find space for someone travelling with a ride."

Travelling

David Jones's energy found a new purpose when it became possible to permanently present an "old time fair" at Black Country Living Museum. The fairground opened in 1983 and was based on a typical 1930s travelling fair. Over the following years David painstakingly col-

lected and restored the rides, first introducing swing boats and chair-o-planes and then arcade machines including a Test Your Strength machine and What the Butler Saw.

Now the fairground comprises the traditional sideshows such as coconut shy, hall of mirrors and shooting stalls, a cakewalk, a slip, swing boats and an Ark Speedway.

Cherise Jones said: "The fairground at the Museum represents 20 years of my granddad's life. He was very proud of it."

On 2 April 2008 David Jones died leaving three children and 14 grandchildren. More than 1,000 fairground folk attended the funeral, at St John's Church, Cradley, for the man known as "the fairground owner with the kindest heart".

The fourth and fifth generation of the Jones family have stepped forward and Matthew Jones, now "Guv'nor", has picked up the mantle, preserving a way of life that is near extinction, Matthew, his mother Sandra, his wife Lisa, and their six children Cherise, Licia, Rio, Shannon, Luke and Matty, enter the 21st century with all the pizzazz of the showman.



David Jones with grandchild



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A DAREDEVIL stylist will celebrate her 21st birthday by jumping 13,000ft from a plane to raise cash for a Black Country school.

Pens Meadow Special School, Stourbridge. Her 17-year-old brother Alex attends the school and she wanted to give something back to staff.

Louise Foster, of Chillingham Drive, Dudley, was asked about presents for the special occasion and said she wanted to do something out of the ordinary. The kind-hearted Toni & Guy worker decided to use the challenge to raise funds for the

The event will take place at Hinton, Oxfordshire, on May 7 and Louise has already raised nearly £500. Her colleagues at Toni & Guy, based at the Merry Hill Shopping Centre, Brierley Hill, have helped to raise the sum.

THE BUILDING of a new supermarket creating 300 jobs in Dudley town centre has moved a step closer after a planning application was lodged with council chiefs.

Developers want to demolish Cavendish House in Trindle Road, which has been standing empty for the past four years.

Under the proposals, the outdated office block would be demolished and nearby land cleared to make way for the development. Residents were able to view the plans for the first time at a public consultation event held back in March.

More than 100 responses in support of the scheme were received from visitors.

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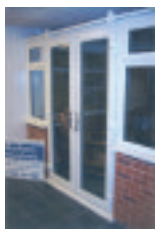
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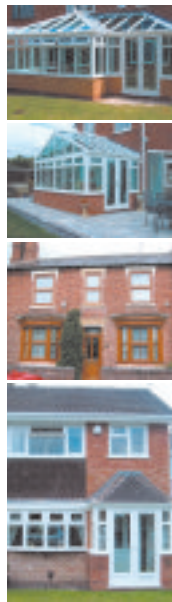
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Derelict clubhouse back on market as deal flops

A DISUSED former clubhouse in Stourbridge is back on the market after a deal for the eyesore site fell through.

Stourbridge War Memorial Club has stood empty for a decade with the building growing increasingly dilapidated through vandalism, fire and weather damage.

Last month, officials from the Lee, Shaw Partnership announced a sale for the site, in Amblecote High Street, had been agreed with only a few minor details to be finalised.

But just days after sold signs went up on the building the deal fell through leaving the former club and its surrounding lands on the market once again.

It is the second time a sale has fallen through for the site. Plans were submitted in 2009 to turn the site into a restaurant and cabaret. But the scheme floundered amid concerns it would lead to more traffic on the already busy A491.

Officials from the Lee, Shaw Partnership said it was "disappointing" the sale had fallen through but remained optimistic of finding someone to take over the site.

Spokesman James Totney said: "The sale of the war memorial club fell through shortly after the sold signs had gone up."

"However, since the site went back on the market we have had a lot of interest in the building so we are hopeful of a sale being agreed in the near future. We are talking to the interested parties at the moment and will now have to wait and see what happens after this process."

Mr Totney was unable to say why the deal had collapsed.

Fault may be cause of fire

A SUSPECTED electrical fault caused a fire inside a car at a sales forecourt in Brierley Hill. Crews said the fire developed in the dashboard of the BMW X5 at the Ex Police Car Centre, in Delph Road. Crews from Brierley Hill fire station attended the fire last week. Watch Commander Nick Lacey said rain helped stop the spread of the fire to other vehicles on the lot.

That's a neat Tiger feat



Samantha Harper, of Oakfield Close, Stourbridge, with Tyler, six, and Grace, three, stroke their tabby cat, Tiger

TIGER the tabby cat is recovering after being rescued from a very tight spot.

The moggie got stuck in a two-and-a-half inch gap between two garages near her Stourbridge home.

She was wedged about three feet into the gap. Firefighters removed some bricks from inside the kitchen of one of the houses in Oakfield Close, Amblecote, and, after being

sedated by a vet, she was pulled out.

The one-year-old cat escaped with minor injuries, and is now fully recovered and back home in Oakfield Close. Her relieved owner, Samantha Harper, aged 27, said:

"When I saw where she'd got stuck I just couldn't believe how she'd got in there. We only went out for a couple of hours and came home to find Tiger had caused havoc."

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Family enjoys a double school siblings reunion

FOUR members of the same family took a trip down memory lane when they returned to the Black Country school they all attended in the 1930s and 1940s.

Fred and Alice Harrison had 12 children and lived close to Tenterfields Primary School in Halesowen with 10 of them attending the school.

Four returned to their old classrooms accompanied by more than 70 other fellow family members for a get together.

They shared fond memories of family life and the grocery business, Harrison Food Supplies Ltd, that Mr Harrison set up in 1925. The business started with a single shop in Cradley Heath, but was later expanded and by 1957 he had eight shops around the Black Country and a large warehouse in Dudley Road, Halesowen.

Among the family members attending was eldest son Reginald, who is now aged 91, who brought along one of his old school reports from 1934.

His conduct was deemed "excellent" by teachers and his strongest subject was mathematics.

"It is wonderful to be back at the school again after so many years. My main memories are of the teachers throwing pencil erasers at us if we weren't behaving in class," he said.

His sister Muriel Harvey, now aged 81, attended the school from 1936 and again went on to work in the offices of the family business. They were joined by brothers Fred, aged 83, from Sedgley, and Paul, aged 76, from Wollaston.

Unwanted gifts wanted

UNWANTED gifts are needed for a fundraising event for Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice. They will be used to raise money for the hospice on July 14.

Items can be left at the Fundraising office, in the lower car park, at Mary Stevens Hospice, 221 Hagley Road, Stourbridge, between 9.00am and 4.45pm. Visit www.marystevenshospice.co.uk or call 01384 377778.

Evening runners turn out



Winner Martin Williams, centre, second Ross Jones, left, and third Ian Williams celebrating after the evening run

More than 800 runners took part in a 10 kilometre evening road race through the streets of Dudley borough.

The event attracted hundreds of spectators as the competitors set off from Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club. Running clubs from all over the region were represented including the hosts Dudley Kingswinford, Tipton Harriers, Bourneville Harriers and Halesowen's Cobra. Altogether, 864 runners of all ages took part.

The first to finish the race, in 31 minutes and 13 seconds was 36-year-old Martin Williams, of Tipton Harriers, followed by the same club's Ross Jones, 27, in 31m 34s. Third was Ian Williams, 31, also from Tipton Harriers, in 32m 23s.

Health centre manager Sian Slade, 26, from Smethwick was the first woman home, in 39m 52s.

The second woman to finish was critical care nurse Laura Gray, 26, from Shifnal in 40m 30s.



Ladies runner up Laura Gray, left, and winner Sian Slade

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Teamwork produces film on booze perils

FILM MAKERS have enlisted the help of parents on a Dudley estate to highlight the issue of alcoholism through a new DVD.

Health chiefs joined with people on Wren's Nest for the production called Behind Closed Doors.

It will highlight the problems faced by families whose older family members have alcohol-related problems.

Working in partnership, Dudley Council and Dudley Primary Care Trust commissioned a performing arts company to work with local parents to share their experiences and produce a short film to capture the journey of a person experiencing alcohol harm.

Performers in the film came from Buzz Theatre Company.

It was premiered at the Wren's Nest Community Centre, in Summer Road, last month.

For details and to view the film visit www.dudley.nhs.uk/Alcohol

Ambition peaks for three teachers



Teachers Rosie Hatton, Tony Bowles and Dave Boerm get ready for the challenge

FOUR intrepid teachers from Kingswinford will be lacing up their hiking boots to tackle three mountains in 24 hours. The team from The Crestwood School is doing the Three Peaks Challenge and aiming to raise at least £2,000 for charity.

They will climb Ben Nevis the tallest mountain in the British Isles standing at 4,409ft followed by Scafell Pike and Snowdon on May 12.

The team is made up of deputy headteacher Tony Bowles and PE teachers Dave Boerm, Steve Evans and Rosie Hatton. All the money raised will be donated to Wolverhampton's Compton Hospice. Mr Bowles said the pupils had been supporting their fundraising. "They have been bringing in pennies for us and we have raised quite a bit of money just through that," he said.

Mr Bowles added local businesses were also supporting their cause by providing their vehicle for the trip and food and drink.

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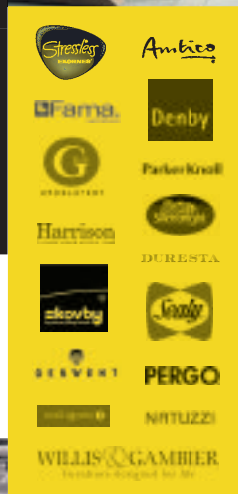
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thechronicle**Campaign to get statue in honour of rugby hero**

A **STATUE** or plaque could be erected to a **Dudley rugby hero** as the campaign to honour him in his home town picks up pace.

Cliff Watson, aged 72, started his career in Dudley before playing for rugby league side St Helens and captaining Great Britain.

Plans are now being drawn up for a statue similar to that honouring the town's Manchester United legend Duncan Edwards.

There could also be a display at Dudley Museum and Art Gallery.

Dudley Council has shown an interest in celebrating Mr Watson's achievements and campaigners are now waiting for a response to their applications.

Mr Watson, who lives in Australia, was the youngest ever player at Dudley Kingswinford rugby union team at the age of 15 and was voted one of St Helens's top 17 players in its 120-year history.

The campaign is being run by Deb Brownlee, chairwoman of the group raising cash for the regeneration of St John's Church, Kates Hill, where Mr Watson married in 1960.

Mr Watson, who lives near Sydney, visited the church last year, inspiring Mrs Brownlee to call for him to "get the recognition he deserves". She said: "We are asking for a statue, memorabilia in the sport information room in the Museum and Art Gallery, and for civic recognition."

Choir concert raises cash

THE CLENT Hills Singers' spring concert with Hagley Community Orchestra, raised more than £1,000 for the development fund at the local St John's Church.

The singers' next event is a summer concert on June 23 at St Saviour's Church, Hagley. Rehearsals are every Thursday from 7.30pm at Hagley Free Church.

Toddlers on their toes

Jodie Harvey, Evie-May Harvey, aged two, Natalie Forbes, Ben Powell, also aged two, and his mother Michelle Hazeldine going for a toddle

FUNDRAISING youngsters will be putting their best foot forward in the annual Barnardo's Big Toddle events at Dudley Zoo and Castle.

More than 3,000 under-fives are expected to take part in the series of sponsored walks which take place on June 12, 13, 14 and 21.

The event regularly attracts families and nursery groups from across the Black Country and Staffordshire.

The theme for this year's walks is

super heroes and youngsters are being encouraged to dress up as they do their bit for charity.

Pauline Clark, who is Barnardo's Midland fundraiser, said: "It really is a simple fun way for young children to play a major role in helping us turn around lives."

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Principal Andrew Burns is pictured here with pupils at Ormiston Forge Academy



A music lesson at Ormiston Forge Academy, in Wrights Lane, Cradley Heath



An art lesson taking place at the academy in Cradley Heath

Ringling the changes through new status

SINCE becoming an academy in January, there have been a number of changes at Ormiston Forge Academy, the former Heathfield Technology College.

Principal, Andrew Burns, attributes some of the changes to academy status but some of the changes, he believes, would have been realised regardless of status.

Mr Burns commented:

"Academy status has afforded us freedoms that are not available to state schools and access to additional funding.

"Making a commitment to maximum class sizes of 20 for Year 7 in September and transforming ICT provision at the academy has definitely been achieved through the academy process.

"Early indications show that the academy will achieve record results in the summer; 60 per cent of the students are expected to leave with five or more GCSE grades with English and Mathe-

matics, this was 48 per cent in 2011.

"This is not because we are an academy but because we have an excellent staffing body and committed students."

Progress

An independent inspection was commissioned by the Ormiston Trust, which found provision at the academy to be good.

The HMI team commented that if the academy continues to make the progress at the rate it is currently making they saw no reason why it would not be out-

standing within a year.

Mr Burns was really pleased with the inspection: "We know we are making progress and it is a fantastic place to work, but it is reassuring to hear this from someone else, particularly highly experienced HMI."

When challenged on what will make the biggest difference to educational standards at the Forge, Mr Burns said: "Student/teacher ratios are something we are looking to reduce at the Forge, because it affects outcomes positively. Discerning parents realise that

contact with teachers makes the biggest difference to children's futures. Working towards maximum class sizes of 20 will make a bigger difference than a free laptop or free uniform."

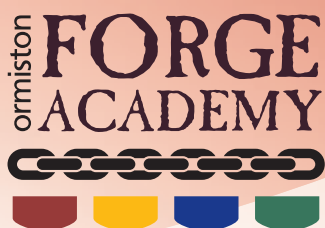
There is a danger that academies could become islands and get into competition with other academies and schools.

"If this improves opportunities for all children it might not be a bad thing, but we are committed to working with Sandwell Local Authority. Having the support of The Ormiston Trust and their

wealth of resources and working alongside the Local Authority gives us the best of both worlds. We still buy services from the authority, but those are the best services, because only the best will do for Forge students," said Mr Burns.

Since becoming an academy the Forge has done a great deal of charity work and have set up

a charity council run by students. The academy raised over £1,600 through a number of activities carried out for Sport Relief and has become the first school to become aligned with the Teenage Cancer Trust. The Teenage Cancer Trust organised all the activities for the academy's launch event.



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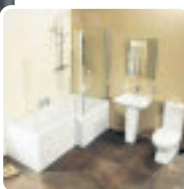
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CLUB NEWS

Members
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QUARRY BANK TOWNSWOMEN

THERE were 23 members present at the April meeting, which began as usual with the reading and signing of the previous month's minutes.

The financial report was given. On this occasion there had been no correspondence received.

The social secretary gave information regarding the birthday dinner to be held at the Mill Hotel. The coach is to leave Quarry Bank at 6.45. Also there are a few places left on the coach to Redditch.

The guild was visited on this evening by members of the Brierley Hill Fire Service. A talk was given on the many possible fire hazards in homes, and the ways in which they can be made safer. The offer was made for visits to members' homes, where advice would be given on safety aspects, and also fire alarms fitted, all free of charge.

Several members wished to take advantage of these offers and gave names and addresses.

The guild was very grateful for the visit and the fire-fighters were thanked for a valuable, informative visit.

Next month's meeting on May 15 will be a social evening with various activities and will include a bring-and-buy sale which is hoped will be well supported.

Entertaining talk on Life in the 50s



Sylvia Aston, Jean Joyce, Elizabeth Wyatt-Garrido, speaker John Billingham, chairman Isabel Mason, vice-chairman Carol Pritchard and Sue Booker

HIGHGATE LADIES PROBUS CLUB

AT the April meeting, members welcomed John Billingham who gave a thoroughly entertaining talk on "Life in the Fifties".

Mr Billingham showed slides of various aspects of life during those years including clothes, children's games, household gadgets, food, and life in general. Chairman Isabel Mason brought along a John Bull magazine from 1955 when a holiday in Italy could be had for 23 and a half guineas.

The quarterly raffle was held and more than 20 prizes were won. The club is open to

retired or semi-retired ladies and meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at Broadway United Reform Church, Gillity Avenue, Walsall, from 10.15am.

The next meeting will be held on May 14 when the talk will be "Clothes - an Historical Perspective".

There's nothing like a dame

ACTING chairman Liz Hubbard welcomed all, particularly visitors, to a special 10th anniversary meeting.

Visitors included members from other guilds, including Wollaston.

Federation representative Ann Birchill reminded members of the arts and crafts exhibition at the Water Hall Gallery, Birm-

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ingham on June 28 and 29 at the same time as the AGM.

The inter-guild quiz has been brought forward from October to May 28.

An afternoon event of tea, cakes and poetry is arranged for May 30 at Wollaston

Church Hall, admission £4, while the guild will have a table at a Wordsley Green Community Centre open day on June 30.

The raffle was drawn for the patchwork quilt, made and donated by Barbara Gregory and there followed a humorous talk by Richard Westcott about his role as a pantomime dame.

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COMPETITION



James Martin will be at the show to rustle up some culinary masterpieces

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Send your entries to Food/Garden Show Competition, Chronicle editorial, 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES. Closing date: Thursday, May 17.

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Serving up tickets for a show double

THE summer sees the return of BBC Gardeners' World Live and the BBC Good Food Show Summer to the NEC, and we're giving you the chance to win tickets to both shows.

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Exhibitors

BBC Gardeners' World Live has an impressive offering for lovers of the great outdoors, with experts including Monty Don, Alan Titchmarsh, Carol Klein, Adam Pasco and Joe Swift appearing in the BBC Gardeners' World Theatre.

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Gadgets

This year's BBC Good Food Show sees top foodie faces including James Martin, the Hairy Bikers, Theo Randall, John Torode, Gregg Wallace and Glynn Purnell take to the stage in the Summer Kitchen.

In addition, there will also be key features like the MasterChef Experience - including the MasterChef Demonstration Stage and Restaurant - the Producers' Village and the



FoodLovers Approved Area. There will also be hundreds of exhibitors offering the latest foodie produce and gadgets.

For more information about the show, visit www.thenec.co.uk, and to buy tickets go to: www.bbcgardenersworldlive.com or 0844 581 1340 and www.bbcgoodfoodshowsummer.com or 0844 581 1341.

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Tycoon's wife tops the area rich list

THE Staffordshire-born wife of a Swiss pharmaceutical tycoon is the West Midlands' richest person after increasing her wealth by £530 million last year.

The latest edition of the Sunday Times Rich List showed Kirsty Bertarelli, originally from Stone and now also Britain's richest woman, saw her worth alongside husband Ernesto boosted to £7.4bn, putting her at the top of the region's wealth league and in sixth place for the UK as a whole.

The soaring success of Staffordshire's JCB almost doubled the fortune of owner Sir Anthony Bamford and his family, now 20th nationally and second in the West Midlands, after £1.5bn was added to the family's worth.

Thanks

Mobile phone magnate John Caudwell, of Eccleshall, was third in the West Midlands and 42nd overall with £1.5bn.

Wolves owner Steve Morgan was 216th nationally with a fortune of £410m, up £10m on last year, partly thanks to the revived fortunes of his Redrow building business.

The owner of the West Bromwich 2 Sisters Food Group has seen a £70m rise. Ranjit Singh Boparan and his wife Balinder, both aged 43, are at 354 List and said to be worth £180m.

Led Zeppelin stars Jimmy Page and Kidderminster's Robert Plant appeared low on the list, with worth of £75m and £80m respectively.

Fast food really had to be so in the days of coaching inns

FOOD, inglorious food! We tend to think of fast food as an American concept from the 1950s.

But there has long been a need to buy food that is ready, and quick to eat.

Britain might not have given the world fine dining but we were definitely responsible for the sandwich!

If we look at Wolverhampton from 1800 onwards we can see that, far from a modern phenomenon, fast food has been a high street commodity from a surprisingly early date.

Two hundred years ago Wolverhampton was a major coaching centre. In the days before railways, and before much of the industrialisation that characterised the area, travellers' needs shaped the town.

A stone's throw from the Roman London to Holyhead Road, Wolverhampton, was an important stop en route to every part of the kingdom. Dudley Street was the centre of the coaching trade, boasting no fewer than a dozen public houses.

Needed

There were other important coaching inns in the city at High Green (Queen Square), Cock Street (Victoria Street) and North Street. In the 1820s, the Lion in North Street dealt with 20-30 coaches per day. Twenty years before, a young Princess Victoria had made her first journey to Wolverhampton, when her coach stopped briefly at the Lion on its way to Holyhead.

While some coaches just changed horses or drivers, hundreds of travellers needed to eat – and if ever food had to be fast, it was during the days of the stage coach.

Passengers stopped at each stage for only half an hour, and the food on offer usually included beef steaks, mutton chops, veal cutlets or ham and eggs (hence the name "chop houses" often applied to inns).

Landlords were often suspected of delaying their service so paying guests had no time to eat anything. The days of the stage



The Star and Garter was one of Wolverhampton's oldest coaching inns



The Birmingham Wonder Stage Coach fed the beginnings of fast food. Images courtesy of Wolverhampton Archives & Local Studies



J Lyons set up a chain of tea shops and restaurants, one in Queen Square

We all presume the takeaway is a modern invention, but it was on our streets more than 200 years ago. **SAM BADGER**, who won the Wolverhampton History Symposium with her study into fast food, explains

coaches were numbered with the advent of the railways. Restaurants were established at both the high and low level stations, and the centre of Wolverhampton ceased to serve as such a service station.

The railways brought other benefits. Sea fish, once an expensive rarity in the Midlands, became widely available. In early times, fish had been transported in barrels of sea water but often turned putrid.

Most people ate only freshwater fish, while the poor ate vast quantities of red herrings or kippers. The railways meant fish arrived fresh in the towns and cities.

However, in a time before refrigeration, it would not remain so for long. A visitor to Wolverhampton in the 1840s noted that fishmongers on the town's market could be smelled long before they were seen.

So the fish and chip trade that developed in the 1860s was partly in response to the need to dispose of stock that was "on the turn". Frying arrested the process of decay

making old fish palatable. It could be sold at a profit to the workers in the rapidly expanding cities and towns.

Wolverhampton's population increased eight-fold between 1800 and 1900, and enterprising sorts seized the opportunity to provide them with ready-made foods. Street vendors and established traders also took advantage of the crowds that came to see football and horse racing.

Horrific

Fish and chip shops flourished in the industrial areas and poorer residential streets. Fish was fried in brew houses and kitchens and sold on.

Confectioners produced sweet and savoury pies, and street vendors and market traders sold cooked foods in the open air in horrific conditions that were barely regulated until the middle of the 20th century.

In 1900, a penny lick ice cream was served in a glass by street vendors. The customer licked the glass clean and returned it to the

vendor, who promptly refilled it and offered it to another customer! This was eventually outlawed (not least because it spread tuberculosis) and edible cones were used.

During the 20th century, opportunities to eat out became more diverse. Music halls and cinemas served food, while stores like Beatties developed their own restaurants and cafes after the First World War. Coffee bars and milk bars served hot drinks and snacks, and workers' canteens sprang up at some of the big industrial firms.

Between the wars, many outlets opened seven days a week, like the Lyons tea shop on Queen Square, and until quite late at night, such as Beatties, which was open until 10pm.

After the pubs finished serving, the fish and chip shop was king, until the advent of more exotic cuisine after the Second World War, much of which stemmed from our imperial heritage. First Chinese and then Indian restaurants appeared.

They soon drew an enthusiastic clientele – not least because many of these new restaurants had licences allowing the customer to carry on drinking – and have remained part of our fast food culture today.

Start-up firms on the rise in region

MORE than 8,000 new companies have been registered in the Black Country and southern Staffordshire in the past year.

Business leaders welcomed the record numbers saying they show confidence by entrepreneurs and investors in the region.

In total, 8,158 new companies were registered last year in the Black Country, Wyre Forest, Cannock Chase and Stafford, compared to 7,339 in 2010 – an 11 per cent increase like-for-like.

The trend continued this year with figures compiled by business data company Duport showing 785 companies registering in the area in March.

Applaud

There were 58 start-up businesses registered in Dudley alone during the period.

Engineering, IT and retail companies are among the firms established.

Duport managing director, Peter Valaitis, said: "There are too many stories of decline right now, and it is places like the West Midlands that will drive this country towards a new era of economic success."

"We applaud the entrepreneurial spirit of those who are motivated to take control of their future."

Black Country chamber of commerce president, Paul Bennett, said: "This is great news and demonstrates the entrepreneurial spirit of local people."

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How does it do it?

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They have an exceptional success rate

That's not all - they plough the revenue back into taking people away from unemployment and getting them into a skilled job with comprehensive training. So, in effect, Lifework gets £2 back for every £1 spent. And Lifework enjoys an outstanding success rate. In the past few weeks they have employed 10 people who otherwise would have been claiming benefits, and are enjoying being retrained and reskilled. So as an accredited City & Guilds training provider, there's



an extensive apprenticeship programme, in partnership with local businesses, supporting the local economy. Feedback from clients is overwhelmingly positive. Currently Lifework works mainly in the Sandwell area, but it operates a successful working model that can easily be expanded to other districts. It works closely with local companies and local organisations. Its directors take no payment. It's not about big profits, it's about real jobs for real people that make a real difference.

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A grit and saintly mix

Scott Matthews, Dan Whitehouse, Newhampton Arts Centre, Wolverhampton

THE Newhampton Arts Centre is one of Wolverhampton's best kept secrets but on Friday people flocked to it to see two of Wolverhampton's talented musicians Scott Matthews and Dan Whitehouse.

Scott has a depth, grit and yet creaminess to his voice as he stands almost saint-like, his voice starting off close to just a murmur before building up to a wall of sound.

There is something almost spiritual to his voice at times, it has some of the qualities of Gregorian chant but then can jump from this into Obsession. Never Sleeps, an electric sound evoking thoughts of a 1960s dance club.

His wonderful track, Up On the Hill, was the kind of music that could easily feature in a Quentin Tarantino film.

Scott's fellow Wulfrunian, Dan Whitehouse, has matured to become a consummate showman, taking the rise out of himself between songs and getting the audience to warm to him.

Dan is an incredibly talented musician and songwriter.

He is willing to be innovative and can move from the melodic ballad to a harder edged sound with such ease.

His debut album will be available from May 23.

Danny Farragher

Mystery as the newlyweds cruise down river of death

THE Agatha Christie Theatre Company presents a stylish new production of the queen of crime's classic thriller *Murder On The Nile*, at Wolverhampton Grand from Monday, May 21.

Former Dynasty star Kate O'Mara leads a star-studded

Has Paul got views for you

Paul Merton, Wolverhampton Grand JUST what goes on in Paul Merton's head?

Quite a lot judging by his improvisation skills and panel show performances. And the audience here got a glimpse of the comic's mind.

In a return to his stand-up days, Merton - with the help of Richard Vranich, Lee Simpson and wife Suki Webster - tackled the subject of mental health in semi-autobiographical style, harking back to his early days and his time spent in the Maudsley psychiatric hospital.

In a fully rehearsed and scripted show there were many gags and clever stage-work as he dealt with the subject - a difficult one to tackle - in a self-deprecating way. The one-liners got the biggest laughs.

Mark Shipp

Honeymoon

A honeymoon under the scorching Egyptian sun turns sour as the bridegroom's old flame pursues the newly-weds. Tragedy strikes and holidaying Canon Pennefather is drawn into a web of intrigue, deceit and murder.

Murder On The Nile follows a number of hugely popular plays based on Agatha Christie stories presented at the Lichfield Street venue. This arrival promises plenty of twists during its run until May 26.



In a scene from Agatha Christie's *Murder On The Nile* are, from left, Ben Nealon, Susie Amy and Denis Lill

Gemma set to shine with Glee

IRISH singer/songwriter Gemma Hayes is about to kick off her Let It Break - The Acoustic Tour which starts on May 15 in Reading and brings her to the Glee Club in Birmingham on Sunday, May 27.

The tour is named after the Tipperary singer's latest and fourth album out now in the UK and released on her own label. She will be releasing a single from the album called Shock to the System.

Doors open 7pm and tickets are £10. For more information go to www.gemmahayes.com

Jazz, bass and ballet

Three Short Works, Birmingham Royal Ballet, Crescent Theatre, Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet's contribution to its home city's international dance festival was a triple bill that showed the breadth of ballet, danced to music from clattering drum 'n' bass to cool jazz via romantic piano pieces.

BRB dancer and Warwickshire native Kit Holder expanded his dazzling Printer Jam duet, first seen last year, into a 20-minute ballet 9-5 charting a bad day at the office. Holder's choreography was dynamic and witty. The business suited male and female dancers twirled and sped along on office chairs in a power game over the office new boy and girl. Samara Downs was exceptional as the aggressive harpie-like female boss.

Inventive

In contrast, another new commission Lyric Pieces is a romantic work drawing on Nordic folklore, danced to piano pieces by Edvard Grieg (pianist Jonathan Higgins was excellent). American choreographer Jessica Lang's ballet is also highly inventive with the dancers creating their own scenery whilst performing by using rolls of black corrugated paper. Perfect timing saw environments morph and form around the dancers, which included an elegant dance by Yvette Knight and a delightful one by Maureya Lebowitz.

The company's director David Bintley left his mark on the evening with a revival of Take Five, his short jazz ballet to the music of the Dave Brubeck Quartet. The dancers expressed the cool finger-snapping sounds in movement inspired by 1950s and 60s dance (think West Side Story or Young Generation), enhanced by costumes from the era. It was Bintley at his audience-pleasing best and the combination of BRB principals Elisha Wills and Robert Parker in the Two Step was captivating.

Dance fans will get another opportunity to see Lyric Pieces and Take Five, presented with Hans van Manen's Grosse Fuge, at Birmingham Hippodrome from September 26 to 29.

Leon Burakowski

Tale with twist end

There Was An Old Woman Who Swallowed A Fly, Wolverhampton Grand THERE was an old lady who swallowed a fly... she died of course.

We all know the ending, but this stage production steered clear of that in a show that entertained children of all ages.

Imaginary use of puppets from the two male players showed the old lady eating all the different animals, like a cat, a spider and a horse.

The story's traditional ending was given a twist as the audience was asked to help the professor fix a time machine so they could discover how it all really concluded.

Mark Shipp

Fantasy quests for Xbox 360

FABLE and Skyrim fans can get a fantasy fix with the new Enhanced Edition of *The Witcher 2: Assassins of Kings* (18).

It looks sensational and thematically is a blend of Fable and Assassin's Creed though the playing experience isn't as smooth as those blockbusters.

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ITV1, 7.30pm

After seven rounds of auditions and five semi-finals, the national talent search comes to a close as the 10 finalists perform one more time. Their aim: to follow in the footsteps of previous winners Paul Potts, George Sampson, Diversity, Spelbound and Jai McDowall and win a slot at the Royal Variety Performance, as well as getting their hands on the £500,000 cash prize. All they have to do is impress the voting public, for while Simon Cowell and his fellow judges may be poised with their buzzers, their opinion tonight counts for nothing - who wins is all down to the viewers at home.

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Football Focus. 12.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 12.10 Live Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Qualifying. Coverage from the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona (Start-time 1.00pm). 2.15 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Wigan Warriors v St Helens (Kick-off 2.30pm). 4.30 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 4.45 Film: Madagascar. (2005) Animated adventure, with the voice of Ben Stiller.

6.10 The Voice UK. Team Tom and Team Will take the stage again, and the stakes are even higher as tomorrow each group of four will face a double elimination, leaving the mentors with two acts each. The results can be seen tomorrow at 7.25pm.

7.45 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Quiz show, including the all-important numbers.

8.40 Casualty. Dylan and Sam come to an uneasy truce.

9.30 BBC News: Weather.

9.50 FILM: The Proposal. (2009) Premiere. A Canadian publishing editor trying to avoid deportation from the US bribes her assistant to marry her. Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock; National Lottery Update.

11.35 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. With guest host Alexander Armstrong. (R)

12.20 Film: Things to Do Before You're 30. (2004) Comedy drama, starring Dougray Scott. 1.55 Weatherview. 2.00 BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 The Sky at Night. (R) 12.20 Film: Picnic. (1955) Drama, with William Holden. 2.10 Film: Bye Bye Birdie. (1963) Musical, starring Dick Van Dyke. 4.00 Flog It! 5.00 Antiques Road Trip.

6.00 BBC Young Musician 2012. The competition heats up as the winners of the keyboard, brass, strings, woodwind and percussion categories perform in front of the panel of judges in the semi-final.

7.30 Dad's Army. Jones's reputation is tarnished by an old comrade's allegations about their time together in the Sudan. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and Clive Dunn. (R)

8.00 The Story of Light Entertainment. The enduring success of the chat show, charting how the format has entertained and influenced the British public. With Michael Parkinson, Terry Wogan and David Frost. (R)

9.00 I Love 1972. Bo Derek presents a nostalgic look at the year notable for such cultural highlights as stretch jeans, Quadrophonia and The Dukes of Hazzard. Last in the series. (R)

10.00 Top of the Pops: 1977. With Slade, Leo Sayer and Donna Summer. (R)

10.35 FILM: Cabaret. (1972) Oscar-winning musical, starring Liza Minnelli.

12.35 Film: Carry On England. (1976) Military comedy, starring Kenneth Connor. 2.00 Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 Saturday Cookbook. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 11.20 The Real Housewives of New York City. 12.15 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 1.15 ITV News; Weather. 1.25 The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) 1.35 Film: Carry On Cruising. (1962) Comedy, starring Sid James. 3.15 Film: Dr No. (1962) James Bond spy thriller, starring Sean Connery. 5.20 Regional News; Weather. 5.30 ITV News; Weather. 5.45 Keith Lemon's LemonAid.

6.30 The Cube. Olympic gold medalists Denise Lewis and Sally Gunnell each compete in up to seven challenges, hoping to win cash for charity. Phillip Schofield presents. Last in the series.

7.30 Britain's Got Talent - The Live Final. The 10 finalists compete as the talent show comes to a close. The judges are on hand with their buzzers, but the ultimate decision rests with the voting public. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 FILM: Ocean's Twelve. (2004) The crooks reunite when an old enemy demands they pay back the money they stole from him three years earlier. Crime caper sequel, with George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts.

12.25 The Store. ITV News Headlines. 2.30 In Plain Sight. (R) 3.15 ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 European Rallycross. 7.05 FIM Superbike World Championship 2012. 7.30 The Grid. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.55 The TV Book Club. 9.30 T4: Koko Pop. 10.05 T4: Dark Shadows. T4 Movie Special. 10.40 T4: Made in Chelsea. 11.45 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.15 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.45 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.20 Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.25 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.25 Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 Channel 4 News. 6.30 4thought.tv. A member of the public reflects on whether people should be allowed to use medical techniques to 'design' their babies.

6.35 FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring. (2001) An unassuming hobbit must destroy a magical ring before it falls into evil hands. Part one of the fantasy trilogy, with Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Astin and Christopher Lee.

10.00 FILM: Transporter 3. (2008) An underworld courier transports the kidnapped daughter of a crooked politician across Europe. Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham and Natalya Rudakova.

12.00 Rude Tube. Love Bytes. (R) 1.00 Stand Up for the Week. (R) 1.45 Film: The Fisher King. (1991) Drama, with Robin Williams and Jeff Bridges. 4.05 Smallville. (R) 4.45 St Elsewhere. (R) 5.30 Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 10.15 Meerkat Manor. (R) 10.45 The Gadget Show: World Tour. (R) 11.45 Police Interceptors. (R) 12.45 War Hero in My Family. (R) 1.45 Film: Major Dundee. (1965) Western, starring Charlton Heston and Richard Harris. 4.10 Film: Return of the Seven. (1966) Western sequel, starring Yul Brynner, Robert Fuller and Warren Oates.

6.00 5 News Weekend.

6.05 Ben Hur. A Jewish prince betrayed by his Roman friend and sold into slavery seeks revenge. Historical drama, starring Joseph Morgan, Ray Winstone and Stephen Campbell Moore. (R)

9.30 CSI: NY. Parts of a dismembered body are discovered on four street corners, triggering an investigation that eventually leads Mac and the team to suspect Russian mobsters may be responsible.

10.30 Live Boxing. Kid Galahad v Josh Wale. Coverage of the bout for the WBC International Super Bantamweight title at the Hillsborough Leisure Centre in Sheffield.

12.00 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming offering viewers the chance to win cash on roulette, blackjack and autowheel. 4.00 Great Artists. (R) 4.50 County Secrets. Historical spotlight on scenic counties in the UK. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2 3.35 Holiday Showdown 4.35 One Direction: A Year in the Making 5.35 Film: A Cinderella Story (2004) 7.30 Film: The Scorpion King (2002) 9.15 The Planet's Funniest Animals 9.45 Nicki Minaj: The Hot Desk 10.00 Britain's Got More Talent Final 11.00 Celebrity Juice 11.45 Keith Lemon's LemonAid

ITV3 2.55 Wycliffe 4.00 Film: Murder, She Wrote: The Celtic Riddle (2003). Mystery, starring Angela Lansbury and Fionnula Flanagan. 5.50 Agatha Christie's Marple 6.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Lewis 11.00 A Touch of Frost

ITV4 11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kolkata Knight Riders v Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings v Delhi DareDevils. 8.00 British Superbike Championship Highlights 9.30 Film: Jaws (1975)

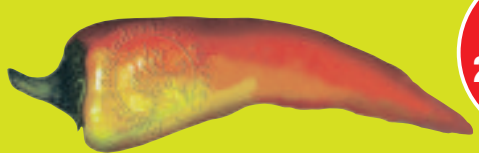
BBC THREE 7.00 Doctor Who 8.05 Top Gear 9.15 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 10.00 Film: Con Air (1997). Action thriller, starring Nicolas Cage, John Cusack, John Malkovich and Steve Buscemi. 11.50 Family Guy

BBC FOUR 7.00 South Pacific 8.00 Lost Kingdoms of Africa 9.00 The Bridge 11.00 Parkinson: The Orson Welles Interview 11.40 Do We Really Need the Moon?

E4 3.05 Made in Chelsea 4.10 Charlie's Angels 5.05 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 How I Met Your Mother 8.00 Rules of Engagement 8.30 Happy Endings 9.00 Film: The Beach (2000) 11.25 The Big Bang Theory

FILM4 2.45 Carry On Cabby (1963) 4.35 Mighty Joe Young (1998) 6.45 The Princess Diaries (2001). Family comedy, starring Anne Hathaway. 9.00 John Tucker Must Die (2006) 10.45 Inglourious Basterds (2009)

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VERA

ITV1, 8pm

This time, Vera and DS Joe Ashworth are called to an army barracks, where they team up with Military Policewoman Shep. The body of commanding officer Devaney, known as Dev for short, has been found, and although it initially appears he's committed suicide, a closer inspection of the scene reveals he was murdered – but who wanted him dead? Vera decides Dev's close friends and loyal comrades Vince and Budgie may hold the key, although a link to Ollie, a soldier killed in Afghanistan, could also prove valuable as the net closes in on a murderer who may have been responsible for more than one death. Barbara Marten and Clare Calbraith guest star.

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix. Coverage from the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.15** Tiger – Spy in the Jungle. **4.15** Points of View. **4.30** Final Score. **5.25** Songs of Praise.

6.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

6.25 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison explore Exmoor.

7.25 The Voice UK Results. Tom Jones and Will.i.am lose two more acts each.

8.00 Planet Earth Live.

Richard Hammond and Julia Bradbury continue the wildlife event following newborn baby animals across the world, from lion cubs in Kenya to bears in Minnesota. Continues Wednesday.

9.00 Death in Paradise. A voodoo priestess is found dead after predicting her own murder – and while the team thinks her prophecy has come true, Richard believes it is simply an old-fashioned killing. (R)

10.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day. Highlights from the final day of the Premier League season.

12.00 Film: Perfect Creature. (2006) Vampire thriller, starring Dougray Scott and Saffron Burrows. **1.20** Weatherview. **1.25** Sign Zone: Empire. (R) **2.25** Holby City. (R) **3.25** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.10** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **12.45** Film: North West Frontier. (1959) Action adventure, starring Lauren Bacall, Kenneth More, Herbert Lom and Wilfrid Hyde White. **2.50** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Catalans Dragons v Warrington Wolves (Kick-off 3.10pm). **5.15** Formula 1: The Spanish Grand Prix – Highlights.

6.00 BBC Young Musician 2012. Clemency Burton-Hill and Josie D'Arby present as the three finalists perform a concerto of their choice with the Northern Sinfonia at the Sage Gateshead. Last in the series.

8.00 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. The adventurer travels from the south of Kenya to the Horn of Africa, along the way joining a Ugandan peace-keeping force in Mogadishu, the capital of war-torn Somalia.

9.00 Coast. New series. Investigating the lifestyles, history and legends of Britain.

10.00 The Lost World of the Seventies. Profiles of four colourful public figures in the 1970s.

11.00 Episodes. The sitcom Puck's premieres in America. (R)

11.30 Grandma's House. Simon arranges a visit to the therapist for Grandma. (R)

12.00 Film: Ae Fond Kiss. (2004) Romantic drama, starring Atta Yaqub and Eva Birthistle. **1.40** BBC News. **4.15** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** The Cube. (R) **12.25** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **2.30** Film: Columbo: Last Salute to the Commodore. (1976) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **4.30** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **5.30** You've Been Framed! (R)

6.00 Regional News; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 All Star Family Fortunes. Coronation Street's Samia Ghadie takes on former castmate Bill Tarmey. Last in the series.

7.30 Emmerdale. Zak is sectioned under the mental health act, and Lisa is forced to tell a shocked Debbie the truth about Cain's attack.

8.00 Vera. The detective investigates a suspicious death in an army barracks that was designed to look like a suicide, and uncovers a traumatic event that nobody wants to talk about.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 David Jason's Greatest Escapes. The actor examines wartime escapes that inspired films and dramas. (R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the semi-finals.

12.10 The Store. ITV News Headlines. **2.15** British Superbike Championship Highlights. (R) **3.05** Motorsport UK. **3.55** ITV News. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.10 Sail Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** FIA GT1 World Championship. **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.10** The Big Bang Theory. **1.10** The Simpsons. (R) **1.40** The Simpsons. (R) **2.10** Film: Runaway Bride. (1999) Romantic comedy, with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. **4.25** Deal or No Deal. **5.25** Time Team.

6.25 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv. A short film exploring views on whether technology should be used to determine the characteristics of genetically designed babies.

7.00 Celebrity Deal or No Deal. Singer Peter Andre takes part in the game show, trying to guess the value of the mystery boxes and win up to £250,000 for his chosen charity.

8.00 FILM: The Twilight Saga: New Moon. (2009) Premiere.

Vampire Edward leaves his human girlfriend Bella for her own safety, driving her into the arms of a werewolf. Romantic fantasy, with Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson.

10.35 FILM: Because I Said So. (2007) Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Diane Keaton.

12.25 Film: Uski Roti. (1970) Drama, starring Garima and Gurdeep Singh. **2.20** The Birthday. (R) **2.35** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fill and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.35** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.20** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.35** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Zoo Days. (R) **10.05** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.00** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **12.00** Film: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed. (2004) Comedy adventure sequel, with Sarah Michelle Gellar. **1.45** Film: Miss Congeniality. (2000) Comedy, with Sandra Bullock. **3.55** Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment. (1985) Comedy sequel, with Steve Guttenberg. **5.35** Film: The Witches. (1990)

7.35 Ultimate Police Interceptors.

8.00 Once Upon a Time.

9.00 World's Scariest Animal Attacks.

9.55 5 News.

10.00 FILM: The Bone Collector. (1999) Thriller, starring Denzel Washington.

12.20 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **1.15** SuperCashed. **4.00** The FBI Files. **4.50** Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
3.40 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Britain's Got Talent Special **4.25** Britain's Got Talent – The Live Final **7.00** Britain's Got More Talent Final **8.00** Britain's Got More Talent: Funniest Moments **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Film: Tomorrow Never Dies (1997)

ITV3
2.55 Film: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) **4.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Film: The American President (1995) **10.20** Agatha Christie's Marple

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Rajasthan Royals v Pune Warriors and Kings XI Punjab v Deccan Chargers. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Police Academy (1984) **11.00** Film: The Kingdom (2007)

BBC THREE
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel **7.25** Film: 101 Dalmatians (1996) **9.00** Don't Tell the Bride USA **9.50** Don't Tell the Bride: Greatest Moments **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Russell Howard's Good News

BBC FOUR
7.00 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2010 **8.00** Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity **9.00** Grand Prix: The Killer Years **10.00** Film: Apocalypto (2006)

E4
3.35 Glee **4.35** 90210 **5.35** The Big Bang Theory **6.35** Film: The Day After Tomorrow (2004) **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** 2 Broke Girls **11.30** Made in Chelsea

FILM4
2.50 The Hindenburg (1975) **5.15** The Spiderwick Chronicles (2008). Fantasy adventure, starring Freddie Highmore. **7.05** The Truman Show (1998). Media satire, starring Jim Carrey. **9.00** Trading Places (1983) **11.20** Dead Man's Shoes (2004)

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Monday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Heir Hunters. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Robbed, Raided, Reunited. 11.30 Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Bang Goes the Theory; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 The Truth About Tax - Panorama. 9.00 Chatsworth. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 A Question of Sport. 11.05 The Graham Norton Show. (R) 11.50 Film: Dan in Real Life. (2007) Romantic comedy, with Steve Carell and Juliette Binoche. 12.5 Weather. 1.30 Sign Zone: Our Food. (R) 2.30 Super Smart Animals. (R) 3.30 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 4.15 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.45 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Nature's Top 40. (R) 1.30 Instant Restaurant. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Antiques Road Trip. 7.30 Great British Menu. 8.00 Mark Zuckerberg: Inside Facebook. (R) 9.00 The 70s. 10.00 Sounds of the 70s 2 Guilty Pleasures - Love Will Keep Us Together. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 This World: Michael Peckham's Great Britain. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Rosemary & Thyme. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Dales. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 56 Up. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: The Interpreter. (2004) Political thriller, starring Nicole Kidman and Sean Penn. 12.55 Jackpot247; ITV News Headlines. 3.00 Champions League Weekly. 3.25 TV Nightsecret. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Secret Millionaire Ireland. 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 The Restoration Man. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.20 Glamour Puds. (R) 12.50 Film: Escape to Athena. (1979) Second World War adventure, starring Roger Moore. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Watching the Detectives: Channel 4 Dispatches. 9.00 The Secret Millionaire. 10.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. 11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut. 11.50 Random Acts. 11.55 Film: Rom. (2009) Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Alan Carr; Chatty Man. 11.10 Stand Up for the Week. 11.55 Film: Team America: World Police. (2004) Satirical puppet comedy, with the voices of Trey Parker and Matt Stone. 1.40 Random Acts. 1.45 My Name Is Earl. (R) 2.25 Dirty Harry. (1973) Action. (R) 3.35 St Elsewhere. (R) 4.35 Smallville. (R) 5.15 Deal or No Deal. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Highland Emergency. (R) 12.45 Mexican Food Made Simple. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Mentalist. (R) 3.15 Film: Desperate Escape. (2009) Mystery thriller, starring Elisabeth Rohm. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 World's Scariest Weather. (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 The Gadget Show: World Tour. 5 News at 9. 8.00 Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. 10.00 The Walking Dead. 11.25 Film: Quarantine. (2008) Premiere. Horror remake, starring Jennifer Carpenter. 1.05 SuperCasino. 3.55 House Doctor. (R) 4.20 HouseBusters. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R)

Tuesday

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Nature's Top 40. (R) 1.30 Instant Restaurant. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Antiques Road Trip. 7.30 Great British Menu. 8.00 The Town Taking on China. 9.00 Great Ormond Street. The work of two surgeons in the hospital's General Surgery unit. 10.00 Later Live - with Jools Holland. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 The Truth About Tax. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 3.55 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.10 Salt Mall. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Secret Millionaire Ireland. 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 The Restoration Man. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.20 Glamour Puds. (R) 12.55 Film: The Professionals. (1986) Western adventure, starring Burt Lancaster and Lee Marvin. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. 9.00 Hidden Talent. 10.00 Sex, Lies and Rinsing Guys. 11.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) 12.10 Random Acts. 12.15 Poker. 1.20 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 1.45 Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. 2.10 The Grid. (R) 2.40 European Rallycross. (R) 3.05 FIA GT1 World Championship. (R) 4.00 FIM Superbike World Championship 2012. 4.25 Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra. The different varieties of football played at the Games. (R) 5.20 Deal or No Deal. (R)

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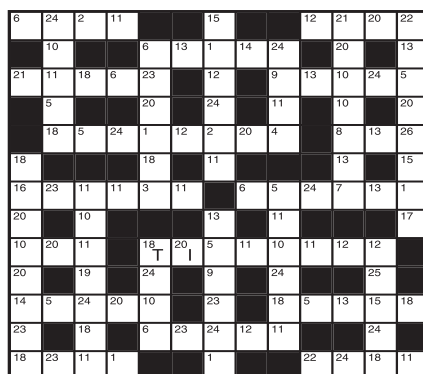
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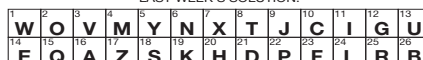
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- A man of the cloth (6)
- Showing variations in texture, like mended clothing (6)
- Forebodings before emotional feelings? (13)
- Go in for the competition again (2-5)
- Article by me may be developed into variations (5)
- As patterns they often need to be filled in (5)
- Distort the remainder, we hear (5)
- District without hills, lacking beauty (5)
- Shocking rows before Edward is defeated (7)
- Drill manuals? (8-5)
- Make things more difficult for the plumber? (6)
- Harmony in sound, maybe? Not quite (6)

Quick Clues:

Across

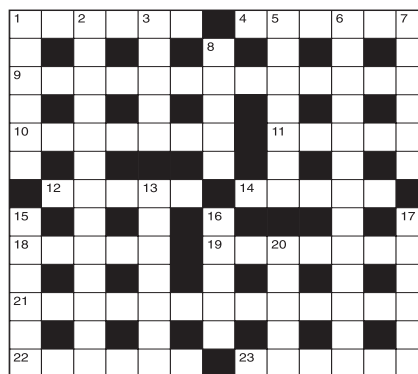
- Bosom (6)
- Inhuman (6)
- Eggheads (13)
- Delight (7)
- Result (5)
- Sham (5)
- Begin (5)
- Train (5)
- Denial (7)
- Obliging (13)
- Make certain (6)
- Heavenly body (6)

Down

- Take one's leave of French section (6)
- Old Testament philosophy involving the interchange of seers? (2,3,2,3)
- Carry out a put-up job - that's straight (5)
- Give me a term to make a piece of electrical apparatus (7)
- Talks over sanctions having broken down (13)
- They lack initiative, though they are positive in their assertions (3-3)
- Begin to make an involuntary movement (5)
- Restrict the movements of Maclean somehow (7)
- Don't contract to provide a sumptuous feast (6)
- Part of Alberta was hopelessly flooded (5)
- No pretentious air is raised by the inventor (6)
- Hood for a bird (5)

Down

- Span (6)
- Excesses (13)
- Dense (5)
- Go back (7)
- Sin (13)
- Reduce (6)
- Intended (5)
- Plotter (7)
- Graze (6)
- Earlier (5)
- Slender (6)
- Weak (5)



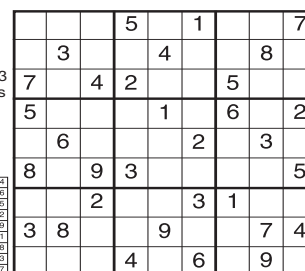
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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Phrenologist; 7 Madly; 8 Tuner; 9 Mat; 10 Thatchers; 11 Uphill; 12 Sandra; 15 Aftermath; 17 Act; 18 Otter; 19 Piton; 21 Unreasonable. Down: 1 Perambulator; 2 Nod; 3 Layman; 4 Gate-crash; 5 Sense; 6 Press attaché; 7 Match; 10 Tolerance; 13 Drawn; 14 Campus; 16 Titan; 20 Tin. QUICK - Across: 1 Condemnatory; 7 Sweet; 8 Egg on; 9 Owe; 10 Persevere; 11 Repays; 12 Joyous; 15 Posthaste; 17 Din; 18 Eaves; 19 Riven; 21 Preservative. Down: 1 Cartographer; 2 Ere; 3 Nature; 4 Therefore; 5 Rogue; 6 Unreasonable; 7 Sleep; 10 Psychosis; 13 Olden; 14 Usurer; 16 Sever; 20 Via.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

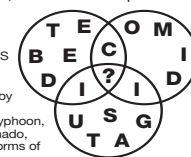
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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is N. Typhoon, tsunami, tornado, all extreme forms of weather.



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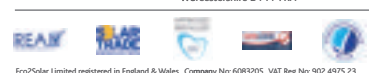
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The top property guide for Dudley, Stourbridge, Halesowen and Kidderminster

Asking price of £1.2m for home in Bewdley which has 11 acres

JUST under £1.2 million – that's the asking price for this small country estate at Button Bridge, Bewdley in Worcestershire.

Southall Farm, on the market for £1,195,000, sits in around 11 acres with glorious views and extensive accommodation including a character farmhouse, linked cottage, leisure and office annexes plus valuable outbuildings.

Set well out of sight from the road, the property has an impressive electric wrought iron gated entrance with lengthy driveway leading to the property and continuing into a private courtyard.

Ideal for an extended family, the farmhouse itself has 3/4 bedrooms, two bathrooms and three reception rooms, while the cottage has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, living room, kitchen/diner and utility/WC.

There is also a splendid games room and leisure area - 35ft by 14ft - with

exposed beams and space for a full size snooker table and bar area, plus a separate linked annexe with office and sauna with shower and changing room.

With around four acres of formal parkland gardens to the front of the property interspersed with mature trees and shrubs, the land is bordered in part by a brook and has been planted with more than 3,000 trees by the present owners.

Behind the property lies a further six acres of pasture and various outbuildings, notably a pair of dry covered barns (each 64ft by 51ft approximately) and Dutch barn (74ft by 35ft) providing over 9,000 sq ft of storage, easily adaptable for equestrian needs or a host of other business or leisure related interests.

There are no near neighbours in what is a private setting, but Bewdley is less than 10 minutes drive away, and Birmingham city centre some 26 miles in the distance.

Contact Allan, Morris and Jones on 01562 747755 for more details.



A lengthy driveway leads to the property and a private courtyard



A breakfast kitchen can be found at the hub of the property, situated at Button Bridge



More than 3,000 trees have been planted by the property's present owners

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HALESOWEN Spies Lane <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Traditional style semi-detached * Two reception rooms * Conservatory * Three bedrooms * Double garage at rear * Pleasant garden <p>Offers in the region of £175,000</p>	ROWLEY REGIS Eden Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Spacious three storey house * Three bedrooms (2 ensuite) * Lounge * Quality kitchen * Sitting room * Utility * Enclosed gardens * Car parking space <p>£167,950</p>	BIRMINGHAM Quinton Jackson Way <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Semi detached * Three bedrooms * Through living room * Good sized bathroom * Garage * No upward chain <p>Offers in the region of £147,500</p>	CRADLEY HEATH Plot 3 28 Allbut Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Brand New semi detached * 3 beds (principal ensuite) * Lounge * Cloakroom * Kitchen/dining room * Enclosed garden * Off road parking <p>£120,000</p>	HALESOWEN LAND FOR SALE Land Off Hagley Road Hayley Green <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Parcel of green belt land * 16.92 acres (6.85 ha) * Planning perm for fishing lake * Part use as caravan/camp site * Other areas let on grazing licences * Dutch barn & lean-to barn <p>Offers in the region of £200,000</p>	HALESOWEN Astley Crescent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Traditional extended semi * 3 beds * Study/coot room * Through living room * Separate dining room * Bathroom & ensuite * Enclosed gardens <p>Offers in the region of £199,950</p>	NETHERTON Plot 4, Rear Of 196 Cradley Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * New detached bungalow * Two bedrooms * Lounge with focal point fireplace * Quality fitted kitchen/dining * Utility * Vacant possession <p>£179,000</p>
HALESOWEN Tittford Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Mid terraced house * Two good sized bedrooms * First floor bathroom * Two reception rooms * Good sized rear garden <p>£95,000</p>	OLDDBURY St James Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Semi detached bungalow * Two bedrooms * Lounge * Kitchen * Bathroom * Off road parking * General improvement required * Great potential <p>Offers in the region of £90,000</p>	HALESOWEN 27 Windmill Hill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Contemporary styled modern house * LOCATED ON MAIN BUS ROUTE * 2 Bedrooms * Fitted kitchen with appliances * Dressing room & en-suite * GAS CH & DG Windows * Available now! <p>Monthly rent of £495</p>	DUDLEY Tipton 19 Old Port Close <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * First floor self-contained flat * One bedroom * UNFURNISHED * Open plan lounge/ kitchen * Allocated parking * Kitchen with many appliances * View now! <p>Monthly rent of £375</p>	CRADLEY HEATH 32 Spinners End Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Self contained ground floor flat * One bedroom * Living room with electric fire * Kitchen with oven, hob & hood * Bathroom * DG windows & Night storage heating * Available from 11.5.12! <p>Monthly rent of £365</p>	ROWLEY REGIS Off Long Lane 1 Horner Way <p>Former night club situated in prominent town centre position suitable for a variety of uses (subject to planning consent).</p> <p>Offers in the region of £210,000</p>	CRADLEY HEATH Beecher House Station Street <p>Detached building previously used as offices with linked former garage with offices above. Potential for other uses subject to planning approval.</p> <p>Offers in the region of £125,000</p>

New homes available in a desirable location

Homes from Redrow's sought-after New Heritage Collection are now available in the Worcestershire town of Stourport on Severn



Typical Redrow homes, similar to those now on sale at Hamlet Place in Stourport on Severn. See www.redrow.co.uk/hamlet

THE award-winning house-builder is developing an eight acre site in Bewdley Road to provide some 98 new homes, the first of which are now on sale.

Pauline Turnbull, sales director for Redrow Homes (Midlands), commented: "We've seen great success across the country with our New Heritage Collection, including at Earl's Park in Worcester and anticipate that it will be well received at Hamlet Place in Stourport."

"Featuring a selection of homes with three to five bedrooms, the development will meet the housing needs and aspirations of a variety of buyers and budgets. Demand is sure to be heightened by the fact that the Government-backed NewBuy initiative will make 95% mortgages possible on homes at Hamlet Place."

Current availability includes a choice of four and five-bedroom homes, with prices from £239,995 for a four-bedroom Pembroke style property.

Traditional on the outside, bright

and modern inside, the homes are sure to be popular with those who want the charm and character of an older property, but the style and convenience of a brand new home.

"People tend to think they want to live in an older property that's full of character, but often don't realise just how much time and money they will spend running and renovating it," Pauline commented.

Architecture

"The homes at Hamlet Place offer the best of both worlds – architecture that gives a nod to the past but with interiors designed to meet the demands of modern family living and convivial open plan layouts that put the kitchen at the heart of the home."

Kitchens in the homes at Hamlet Place will be well-equipped with integrated top brand name appliances including microwave, oven and fridge freezer, plus tall cabinets and extra wide drawers offering plenty of storage for pots and pans. Bathrooms and en-suites will boast quality fixtures and fittings and an exclusive tile range. We're working towards opening show

homes at Hamlet Place in the summer but in the meantime potential purchasers can enjoy a taste of things to come thanks to our broadband television channel Redrow.TV," Pauline said.

"It's a great marketing tool and features plenty of virtual show home tours so that home buyers can 'explore' our homes any time of day or night, from the comfort of their home, office, mobile phone or wherever they access the internet."

The video-based website also includes weekly regional news, buying guides to the help available and footage of our customers talking about their new homes."

The homes at Hamlet Place enjoy easy access to the M5, M42 and M40, which means they are sure to be popular with commuters. To have your pick of the properties at Hamlet Place, visit the sales office open daily from 10am to 5.30pm.

For more information about the homes available call 01299 488178 or see the site www.redrow.co.uk/hamlet for details.

A split-level home for sale

A VERY spacious and individual three bedroom detached house in Sandyfields Road, Sedgley, is for sale with an asking price of around £295,000.

With a large garage, the property enjoys panoramic views and is situated in a sought-after area, having been constructed to an exacting specification by the original owner in the 1980s.

The agents say that the split-level design includes a former music room over the garage offering the potential for a large third reception room or the creation of a granny suite, subject to regulations.

There is also the possibility of subdividing the front bedroom to provide four bedrooms to the first floor.

On the ground floor is an imposing reception hall, an elegant lounge measuring 16ft 9in by 14ft 2in with brick fireplace with quarry tiled hearth, polished timber mantel and display shelves and a dining room. The kitchen, 12ft 10in by 10ft 1in, has cottage style



The split-level home is on the market with Taylors, priced £295,000

ceiling beams, range of wall and base units with integrated fridge/freezer and dishwasher, split-level electric double oven, four-ring electric hob, work surfaces and single drainer bowl and a half sink with mixer tap.

A laundry has a single drainer sink top with mixer tap, base units, wine rack and plumbing for washing machine, and there is also a half-tiled toilet.

A split-level hall has doors to the music room/secondary lounge measuring 15ft 8in by 15ft 1in, and there is a

cloakroom with corner hand basin and WC. On the first floor bedroom one is 20ft 10in by 11ft 4in with a range of fitted wardrobes, and there are two further bedrooms and a bathroom with champagne coloured suite comprising corner bath, hand basin and WC.

The integral garage is 15ft 8in by 21ft 6in with folding panelled doors, and there is a further storage area measuring 12ft 5in by 10ft 1in.

Contact Taylors of Sedgley on 01902 880888 for further information or to arrange a viewing.

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A well presented unfurnished modern and terraced house, briefly comprising of: Three Bedrooms, Master bedroom with En-Suite, House Bathroom with Shower, Downstairs WC, Fitted Kitchen, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Garage and Driveway Parking, Lovely Rear Garden, Convenient for access into Merry Hill, Near to junction 2

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BRIERLEY HILL, GOLDEN CROSS WAY

Set within a quiet cul-de-sac, is this part furnished mid terrace house, close to local amenities and Merry Hill, comprising of: Two Double Bedrooms with Bed Boxes, Spacious Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Downstairs WC, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Bathroom with Shower, 2 Parking Spaces, Low Maintenance Rear Garden

£525 PCM



WORDSWLEY, COOKNELL DRIVE

Located in the centre of Wordsley, is this unfurnished end terrace house, with local buses to Stourbridge and Merry Hill, comprising of: Gas Central Heating, Spacious Living Room, Fitted Dining Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom, House Bathroom, Rear Garden, Driveway Parking

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A first floor unfurnished flat, located on a bus route and in a popular area, briefly comprising of: Warm Air Heating, Large Living Room, Fitted Kitchen, House Bathroom with Shower, Double Glazing, Well Kept Communal Gardens, Parking Space to Front, Inspection Recommended

£495 PCM



HALESOWEN, BANNERS STREET

This lovely furnished end terrace house has: Two Double Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Bathroom with Shower, Low Maintenance Rear Garden

£495 PCM



HALESOWEN, CAVALIER DRIVE

This beautifully presented and well looked after first floor apartment is centrally located to Halesowen, within easy reach of the town centre and local bus station, comprising of: Two Bedrooms, Large Lounge with Access to Your Own Balcony, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom with Shower, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Allocated Parking Space for One Car. A Must See Property

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KING STREET, CRADLEY HEATH

A very well presented top floor apartment in the centre of Old Hill, close to the local train station, and briefly comprising of: Two Double Bedrooms, Master Bedroom with En-Suite, House Bathroom with Shower, A Very Large and Spacious Lounge, Fitted Kitchen with Washing Machine, Allocated Parking

£495 PCM



NETHERTON, NORWICH ROAD

Located in a quiet road, is this unfurnished semi detached house, briefly comprising of: Two Good Sized Bedrooms, Cozy Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Gas central heating, Double Glazing, Bathroom with Shower, Garage and Gated Driveway Parking, Front and Rear Gardens

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CRADLEY HEATH, PEAR TREE LANE

This lovely unfurnished modern first floor apartment, located in a popular area, and close to local train station and buses, comprises of: Gas Central Heating, Living Room, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Parking Space

£475 PCM



ROWLEY REGIS, POWKE LANE

An unfurnished apartment close to local amenities, briefly comprising of: Electric Storage Heating, Spacious Living Room, Fitted Dining Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Bathroom with Shower, Parking

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CRADLEY HEATH, ELBOW STREET

An unfurnished ground floor apartment on a popular development, also close to Old Hill high street and local bus station, briefly comprising of: Electric Storage Heating, Fitted Kitchen, Cozy Living Room, House Bathroom with Shower, Allocated Parking Space (STRICTLY NO DSS)

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BRIERLEY HILL, FOXDALE DRIVE

Situated in a quiet location and within walking distance to Briery Hill town centre and a short drive or bus to Merry Hill Shopping Centre is this ground floor apartment, comprising of: One Double Bedroom and One Single, Fitted Kitchen, House Bathroom with Shower, Spacious Lounge, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, One Allocated Parking Space

£425 PCM



CRADLEY HEATH, HALESOWEN ROAD

This value for money part-furnished terrace house, close to Old Hill town centre and Old Hill train station, briefly comprising of: Two Bedrooms and One with Fitted Wardrobes, Gas Central Heating, Fitted Dining Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, On Road Parking, NO REAR GARDEN

£400 PCM



BRIERLEY HILL, CHURCHILL

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A two bedroom mid terrace property comprising lounge, kitchen, bathroom, driveway and rear garden. No upward chain.

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A two bedrooms detached bungalow comprising lounge, kitchen, bathroom, driveway and rear garden.

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Your essential guide to the world of motoring compiled by Motoring Editor Sharon Walters

The new Peugeot hybrid is looking like a safe bet

"IT'S GOING to be a thoroughbred experience", was the intro at the start of a launch drive of the new Peugeot 508 RXH. Intriguing... then it hit me, we had to be doing something involving horses. And indeed we did.

So what's the point of telling you that? – I hear you thinking.

Well all will be revealed and it was very pertinent to the latest cub out of the Peugeot stable.

The Peugeot 508 is already available in saloon and SW (estate) variants, and now, with the launch of this 508 RXH, it's available as a four-wheel drive, diesel-electric hybrid with taller suspension and a wider track to handle a little more rough stuff and low-grip situations – as we discovered on the drive.

There is also a mode where you can run the car purely on electric, and hence with zero emissions, as we did through two stables of valuable thoroughbred racehorses without causing them to twitch a nostril – and they're the first things to alert you to when a horse is not happy along with

By Sharon Walters

the ears going back. It is powered by a 163bhp, 2.0-litre diesel engine and a 37bhp electric motor. On the road the Peugeot 508 Hybrid4 performs very well and is comfortable without being too staid.

While it might not be that quick out of the stalls compared to other rivals in its sector, it will sprint from 0-62mph in 9.5 seconds and it has a top speed of 130mph.

A drive around the roads of south Cheshire included busy towns where the stop/start system for the diesel engine proved very efficient, very quickly cutting the engine when you stop and starting equally quickly when you touch the accelerator to get going again. Fuel savings will be substantial and ever more important as cost continue to rise.

And you can also go around town using just the electric motor and onboard battery which, as mentioned before gives zero emissions, as we did around the stables.

We also tested out its sure-footedness by driving up alongside the gallops as the

horses were being exercised. It had been pouring with rain, there was a long, gradual but steep climb on deeply rutted grass, but the car positively cantered up and at times even made a gallop.

This all means that the 508 RXH has a tax-related CO2 rating of 107g/km which makes it very attractive for company car drivers and fleet managers.

For private owners the low CO2 output means zero road tax for the first year and then £20 per year thereafter.

Incentive

Fuel economy claims look good and if they live up the figures claimed will prove a big incentive. Looks-wise, the 508 is curvy and smooth and inside you get comfort and a quality finish.

The seats support your back well and the side supports are raised keeping you held firmly in place. The electric seats have plenty of adjustment which means you can get a perfect driving position and the standard specification is good including cruise control, parking aid and parallel parking guide, sat-nav and Bluetooth, a catalogue of safety features and Peugeot Connect SOS and Assistance. One brilliant feature, which



I also recently enjoyed on the Peugeot 3008, is the head-up display which makes it very easy to check your speed without taking your eyes off the road. The Peugeot 508 RXH Hybrid4 not only has a premium look and

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BMW's Frozen Silver Edition of the M3. Just over 100 cars will be produced with a price tag of £58,720

New-look version for the BMW super-coupé

BMW has announced a visually tweaked version of its M3 super-coupé, called the Frozen Silver Edition.

Just 100 of the cars will be produced. While it uses the same high-revving 414bhp V8 engine as the normal coupé, it rides 10mm lower with a revised version of BMW's Dynamic Stability Control Plus system.

The colour, a metallic pale silver with a hint of frosty blue, is new to BMW and is paired with matt black 19in alloy

wheels, a "dark chrome" finish for the exhaust, side gills and kidney grille surrounds, and jet black bonnet vents.

Inside, the highlights include black leather seats with contrasting stitching and an Alcantara steering wheel with an M3 chequered flag motif to match the same logo on the doors.

Luxury

Carbon fibre trim accessories have been scattered around the cabin to enhance the luxury and sporting feel.

BMW claims that the extras included in the Frozen Silver Edition add up to

£9,000, but are being included for a £4,000 premium over a standard coupé, making the price tag £58,720 on the road.

The M3 will hit 62mph in 4.6 seconds and is electronically limited to 155mph. It achieved 25.2mpg in the standard European test sequence with a CO2 rating of 263g/km.

BMW hopes that the Frozen Silver Edition will help maintain sales of the M3 coupé, which last year rose 10 per cent to 789 units.

New Skoda hatchback goes on show in Beijing

Skoda's all-new compact hatchback has been unveiled at Beijing in close-to-production form, and will be called the Rapid.

It really is all-new in design, because rather than replacing an existing model, the Rapid will sit between the Fabia and Octavia. In reality, it is likely to share certain parts with both.

European markets will see the EU version of the new car before the end of

this year, and a China-specific model is on show at the Beijing Motor Show at the moment ahead of a 2013 release.

The Rapid follows many cues initially given by the MissionL concept that was shown at the Frankfurt show last year, and that many believed to be the model for the next Octavia.

Rough

In fact, the Rapid will be smaller than expected. It shares the same rough shape as the Octavia with an

extended hatchback boot, but will be shorter and narrower.

Skoda CEO Winfried Vahland says: "As part of its growth strategy, Skoda has initiated the largest model offensive in its corporate history and will bring a new vehicle to market every six months on average in the years ahead."

"The Rapid is our next new model. It has a central importance for our growth and will provide us with a strong tailwind on international markets."



The Rapid, a new compact hatchback from Skoda, which lines up between the Fabia and Octavia

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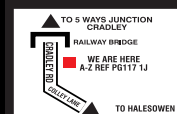
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The MG Icon concept car was a popular choice at the prestigious Beijing Motor Show

MG has beaten the best in major design awards

MG HAS scooped a major design award with its MG Icon concept car.

It has been awarded the prestigious 'Best Concept' title at the Beijing Motor Show, one of the most sought-after awards on the international automotive show calendar.

The MG Icon beat the Lamborghini Urus, Mercedes-Benz Concept Style Coupe and Honda Concept C.

Autoweek, one of the USA's leading automotive magazines, announced the awards and will present MG with an engraved trophy at a later date.

Greg Kable, a highly acclaimed international motoring journalist and

Autoweek's German editor, was glowing in his remarks about the Icon.

Kable said: "The Icon continues MG's resurrection under parent company SAIC Motor, bringing newly interpreted heritage style to the compact-SUV ranks in a package that will see it compete against the likes of Nissan Juke and the Mini Countryman."

No plans have been announced concerning production of the MG Icon.

It's the first SUV concept from MG and was created by the MG global design team headed by British director Anthony Williams-Kenny. It takes inspiration from some of the legendary MG models of the past, including the MGA and MGB GT.

Williams-Kenny said: "It's a great honour to win this very important award, particularly when the judges put the MG Icon ahead of so many other famous brands."

"The judges shared our enthusiasm and vision for MG which is one of the best loved brands in the world."

Williams-Kenny, who also led the design team responsible for the award-winning MG6 production car, has recently been promoted to his new role as Global Director, SAIC Design.

The MG6 GT fastback and the MG6 Magnette sports saloon were designed and engineered at SAIC Motor's European Technical Centre at the MG Birmingham site.



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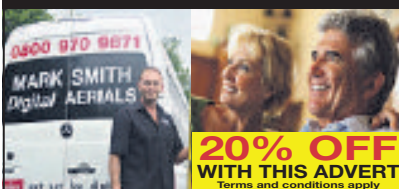


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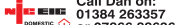
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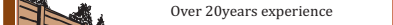
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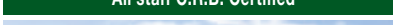
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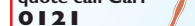


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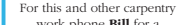
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Australian signed up to ride for Brummies

BIRMINGHAM Brummies have signed talented young Australian rider Dakota North to double up with the Selco Brummies.

North, 20, joins the squad as a replacement for the unavailable Tyson Nelson. He rides in the Premier League for Ipswich and will share a role in the Perry Barr team with Josh Auty.

Brummies manager Graham Drury said: "I'm confident Dakota will be able to do a job for us when Josh has to miss a meeting. "I would see him being part of our squad for the remainder of the season."

"It means we hopefully won't find ourselves short at reserve, bearing in mind there's always a risk now that Premier League matches will be re-arranged due to the weather."

Auty takes his place in a full-strength home side for this week's Perry Barr clash with Peterborough, Birmingham's first match in almost a month.

They last rode on April 11, beating Wolves 50-42.

If the Brummies can claim all three Elite League points this evening they could go sixth in the table.

Late goal ends hope for Halas

Santiago Colts U13 Girls 2
Halas Hawks U13 Girls 1

A LATE goal saw Halas under-13 girls bow out in the Merit Shield semi-final against League Cup winners, Santiago.

Halas defended resolutely early on before finding their passing range.

They went ahead when Bobbie Jo Smith-Ball fed Francesca Hancox who beat two defenders before crossing for Abigail Gennard to slot home.

It was an even second half but Halas began to tire and Santiago equalised with 10 minutes to go. Halas weathered a late storm only to concede the winner 11 seconds from time.

Bandurak top of leaderboard

JOHN BANDURAK topped the leaderboard at the PGA Assistants' Championship Midland qualifying event at Swindon Golf Club.

Bandurak, of Great Barr Golf Club, won by a shot and now heads for the final at East Sussex National.



Travelling Baggies fans dressed as clowns had lots to smile about later in the match



Boss Roy Hodgson, leaving to take over the England job, salutes fans

Fans bid farewell as Roy's boys get point

Bolton 2 Albion 2

JAMES MORRISON'S late goal capped a battling Albion comeback to secure a point.

If Roy Hodgson can match this kind of drama in the summer he might yet win over the doubters, *writes Steve Madeley.*

And if the Albion boss can conjure the same spirit from his new players that he has managed with the Baggies, England might just make their mark on Euro 2012.

Two-nil behind and rocked by a freakish own-goal in a game that meant little to their Premier League season, Hodgson's men might have thrown in the towel at the Reebok Stadium.

Yet fuelled by a desire to hand their popular gaffer a rousing reaction at the start of his 'farewell tour', the Baggies battled back with Morrison's goal in the final seconds of normal time giving them the point that another pleasing display more than merited.

Albion bossed the play for much of the game, only to find themselves staring down the barrel of defeat thanks to a messy first-half penalty and a bizarre second-half own-goal.

Influence

However, while Hodgson had minimal direct influence on his team's late turnaround in fortunes, there was little doubt that the intense feelings of loyalty within his side played a part in their stirring efforts to secure a draw, as did the waves of goodwill that washed over from the stands onto the field as 4,635 travelling fans offered a noisy and moving show of respect for his 15 months at The Hawthorns.

And an emphatic strike from Chris Brunt followed by Morrison's dramatic strike ensured one of the most amazing weeks of Hodgson's life ended on a high.

The tone of the afternoon was set for Albion from around 45 minutes before kick-off, when the players emerged from the tunnel with T-shirts in praise of their fans,



James Morrison turns away after his last-gasp equaliser earned Albion a Premier League point at the Reebok Stadium

which they then tossed into the massed ranks of travelling Baggies.

And when Hodgson followed his team from the tunnel and marched to the away end, throwing extra gifts and conducting an impromptu 'royal' walkabout, supporters were well and truly galvanised.

Their team responded by having the better of the opening 20 minutes as the hosts' relegation struggles seemed to breed nerves among players and spectators.

Gareth McAuley was unlucky with a far-post header from a right-winger corner from Chris Brunt, who should have done better himself when he snatched at a shot following a neat pass from Marc-Antoine Fortune.

And Shane Long was a fraction away from giving his side the lead when Fortune barged past Tim Ream and centred for the Irishman, who turned David Wheater and fired against the post. But the Trotters had their

moments early on. Chris Eagles blasted into the side-netting from 25 yards, Ben Foster parried Martin Petrov's long-range effort unconconvincingly and Kevin Davies fired wastefully over with only Foster to beat.

So it was not entirely a bolt from the blue when Bolton took the lead.

A clumsy challenge from Youssouf Mulumbu sent Marc Davies tumbling in the box and, although Foster went the right way, he could not prevent Petrov's penalty from nestling in the corner.

The goal took away some of the Baggies' earlier momentum, although they could have levelled when Fortune sprang a square Trotters defence but fired over.

The hosts made it to half-time with their lead intact, but they might have found themselves pegged back 13 minutes into the second period. Liam Ridgwell made a powerful run on the overlap and his cross was

met first-time by Graham Dorrans just inside the Bolton box, but his crisp effort was saved by Adam Bogdan.

Foster then excelled with 20 minutes remaining, stretching low to his right to keep out a Kevin Davies header.

But he could do nothing moments later to prevent the oddest of own-goals as Ridgwell's attempted clearance from a Petrov cross hit Jones and looped in.

That goal might have killed off many a team but the Baggies continued to press and their superiority finally told just three minutes after Bolton's second goal as Shane Long teed-up Brunt to blast home from the edge of the area.

The dam burst in the final seconds as Simon Cox picked out Morrison, whose emphatic finish delighted the ranks of fans behind Bogdan's goal – and delivered another slap in the face for critics of his boss.

Heathens' skipper smashes record

Dudley 65 Buxton 28
(Dudley win 119-64 on aggregate)

ADAM ROYNON smashed the Monmore Green National League record as the Heathens cruised through to the Knockout Cup semi-finals.

Their passage had been virtually assured by Sunday's 18-point victory in the away leg.

Robert Branford got the visitors' only win on Tuesday, holding off Ashley Morris in heat 11 – a defeat the Heathens' No.5 avenged twice in subsequent races with forceful inside passes.

Roynon rode to an untroubled four-ride maximum while Tom Perry cleaned up in five starts.

He had to work hard when Adam McKinna pushed him wide in the ninth race. Perry burst over from the fourth bend kerb.

But it was neat stylist Dan Greenwood who gave Heathens fans most confidence for the tougher tasks ahead with a paid maximum from the reserve berth.

Dudley: Tom Perry 15, Ashley Morris 12-2, Adam Roynon 12, Dan Greenwood 9-3, Darryl Ritches 6-2, Byron Bekker 6-1, James White-Williams 5-1.

Buxton: Robert Branford 12, Adam McKinna 5, Dean Felton 4, Luke Priest 3-1, Richard Andrews 1-1, Michael Neale 2, Ryan Blacklock 0.

Glover off at weekend boxing bill

TIPTON'S Lee Glover has pulled out of his six-round fight on the boxing bill at Walsall Town Hall on Saturday night for personal reasons.

Glover had been due to face Dan Naylor, who is serving a British Boxing Board of Control ban.

The plan had been to replace Naylor with a foreign opponent but Glover will now not box at all, with the featherweight bout scrapped.

West Bromwich's Marcus Portman will also sit it out this weekend after his fight with Birmingham's Nasser Al Harbi officially collapsed.

The show they were due to headline, a Dave Caldwell-promoted bill at the New Bingley Hall in Birmingham, has been cancelled.

Portman had hoped the bout would be switched to the Walsall bill 24 hours later but Al Harbi has now accepted another opponent.

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TCR happy to let Tom show his potential

WEDNESBURY team Total Control Racing have given a test to potential racer Tom Blackmore.

Blackmore gave a strong performance at Mallory Park.

TCR run in the AirAsia Renault UK Clio Cup and the 21-year-old, from Harrogate in Yorkshire, looked good during his first taste of the two-litre car.

Blackmore is still working to secure the budget to graduate into car racing.

But the newcomer – who only has very limited karting experience – certainly impressed team principal Lee Brookes.

"Tom did a mega job", he said. "He really was very impressive, even more so considering it was his first ever test. His pace was fantastic."

"He's got a lot of natural ability and we're hopeful he'll be able to raise the budget to make his race debut with us in Clio's at some point soon."

"They're not easy cars to instantly be quick in, especially for a driver with so little karting experience. On the evidence of his run with us, Tom is a really strong prospect."

Marathon efforts are applauded

WEST Bromwich Harrier Gary Whitehouse was a fine 43rd in his first marathon for the club in the Milton Keynes race.

He clocked three hours, three minutes, 25 seconds.

Clubmate Steve Pitt finished 60th in 3.06.27.

Seven club members finished the annual Dudley Kingswinford 10k run.

James Jeffries was 21st out of 751, posting a time of 37min 44 sec.

He was followed by Dave Jones, 105th in 42.31; Dominic Ashton, 150th in 44.13; Andrew Moseley, 178th, 45.19; Dave Gould, 220th, 46.37; Jim Greenwood, 234th, 47.03 and Paul Mansell, 449th in 53.46.

All eight members who competed in the Walsall Arboretum three-mile park run achieved personal bests.

They were: Steve Pitt, third in 18.41; Ian Phillips, 20.21; Andrew Moseley, 21.06; Tom Parrott, 21.24; Diane Edge, 26.16; Ayaz Tarajia, 26.32; Megan Jeavons, 27.32 and John Buckley, 28.43.

Poor start sees Old Hill go out of cup

West Bromwich Dartmouth 197-9, Old Hill 89. WB Dartmouth won by 108 runs

DARTMOUTH bowler Afeeq Javaid warmed the team's supporters on a cold day to help his side past Old Hill and into round two of the ECB National competition.

Opener Gurq Randhawa's 66 helped West Bromwich set a competitive total at Old Hill. And Javaid's 4-13 finished off the home side to give West Bromwich a win.

Seb Soukup took an early wicket with just seven runs on the board.

West Bromwich Dartmouth rallied but each time they began to look set, another wicket would fall. The removal of Randhawa

Cricket

by Nigel Davenport (3-33) might have tipped the scales, but Dartmouth posted a good total of 197-9 off their 45 overs with Amir Farooque making 20 not out off 22 deliveries.

Old Hill never recovered from a desperate start which saw them 6-2.

Nitesh Patel made 24 but Ian Walker (10) and Nigel Davenport (15) were the only other batsmen in the side to reach double figures.

Old Hill subsided to 89 all out off 30.5 overs.

Harborne 175-5, Old Hill 147. Harborne won by 28 runs

Humais Butt took two wickets as Old Hill seconds put their rivals in and saw them make 175-5 on an overcast day.

Dan Such and George Hill took a wicket apiece.

In reply, Old Hill fell short despite 41 not out from Dan Brosnan and 30 by Alex Hills.

The thirds' match against Cleobury Mortimer was abandoned after bad weather left the pitch unplayable.

In the Birmingham League Premier Division, Himley are setting the early pace. Ashfaq Hussain and Greg Wright were the

stand-out performers as they took a two-wicket success at Wellington.

New signing Hussain shone with the ball as he bagged 5-32 to help restrict the hosts to 149-9.

Wright then notched a second successive half-century as Himley, with last man Dan Smith unable to bat after suffering an injury while bowling, took the spoils.

Halesowen are level on points with Brewood at the top of Division Two following a 17-run success over Attock.

Phil Croft was the star man for Halesowen, hitting 50 in his side's 139 and then taking 6-52.

Rally pair on track by taking third place

HALESOWEN rally co-driver John Connor and his driver Richard Archer have got their season back on track.

After failing to finish the first two events of this year's BRC Challenge, the British Rally Championships support series, the duo claimed a solid third overall on the Pirelli Rally, using the north-eastern Kielder forest that lies on the Scottish borders.

"The start to this year has been a disaster," said Connor. "We were hoping to have had a really good start to the year, but two non-finishes really have put us on the back foot."

"We tested the car on Tuesday before the event and managed to iron out a few problems. Finishing third on this tough forest event was a good comeback for us, even if not without problems."

"Richard was far from happy with the car's handling and we suffered a couple of excursions into the undergrowth but managed to avoid the notorious 'killer Kielder' ditches. We had also lost third gear and that was costing us handfuls of time."

The next round, The Jim Clark Memorial takes place on the closed Scottish roads around the town of Duns.

Wrestling stars making debut

STARS of the 'Alternative Wrestling World' will make their debut at The Hadley Stadium Leisure Centre in Waterloo Road, Smethwick on Sunday.

Reigning AWW British champion Carnage will defend his title against Rockstar Spud. Tickets are available at the venue or online at www.skiddle.com

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EURO PLACES FOR ALBION PLAYERS

THREE Albion players have been named in Giovanni Trapattoni's Ireland squad for Euro 2012 with the tournament just a month away.

Keith Andrews, Shane Long and Simon Cox are in the 23-man squad along with Wolves quartet Stephen Ward, Kevin Foley, Stephen Hunt and Kevin Doyle.

Birmingham's Keith Fahey secured a place as he recovers from injury while Villa players Shay Given and Richard Dunne were also included. But there was no spot for versatile youngster Ciaran Clark.

The team will be captained by ex-Wolves striker Robbie Keane, who enjoyed a fruitful two-month loan spell at Villa from LA Galaxy earlier in the year.

Meanwhile, Baggies kitman Dave Matthews has announced his retirement after 51 years with the club.

The 66-year-old, who has been battling cancer, received a standing ovation when he revealed the decision at a supporters' dinner.

The father-of-two, from Halesowen, joined the Baggies in 1961 and worked for the club continuously until taking time off last year after being diagnosed with lymphoma.

He is now in remission but is still receiving treatment for heart complications.

He said: "It's been 50 years' working but it's not been work really, it's been my hobby."

"I've been so lucky that I was able to turn my hobby into my job and it has been a real pleasure to serve all of the players, even though they have made some strange requests over the years."

"It's been a pleasure and I will miss it, I can't tell a lie. But I've had a year off and it's been like a trial retirement so I have weaned

by Steve Madeley

myself off work during that time. I might be around doing odd jobs on matchdays if the club want my help, so maybe people haven't quite seen the last of me."

"It was always my intention to return to work full-time, but things have dragged on and I needed to be fair to the club and to myself."

Mr Matthews will receive a presentation from the club on the pitch at Saturday's Premier League game at home to Arsenal – the final game of the season and head coach Roy Hodgson's final match in charge before becoming England boss. Hodgson has asked Mr Matthews to watch the match from his regular seat in the dugout. He announced his decision to stand down at The Hawthorns during the West Bromwich Albion Supporters' Club's end-of-season dinner.

Albion chief executive Mark Jenkins said: "Dave has been an outstanding servant to this club."

■ Albion will travel to Sweden in July for a two-game pre-season trip including a match with Malmo on July 19.

Jordanne wins international gold and silver



Jordanne Whaley in action at the Eton Manor International event, left, and with her doubles gold medal



HALESOWEN wheelchair tennis star Jordanne Whaley has taken gold at the Olympic Park venue.

The British No.1 teamed up with Lucy Shuker to beat Kay Forshaw and Val Fisher 6-1, 6-1 in the final of the Eton Manor International.

Whaley also added a silver in the Paralympic test event. She made

short work of Forshaw in the semi-final, winning 6-1, 6-2 to be the first ever player to reach a singles final at the venue.

But compatriot Shuker could not join her, losing 6-2, 6-0 to Dutch superstar Esther Vergeer – unbeaten since 2003 – in their semi-final.

Whaley, however, is edging ever

closer to the world No.1. She held Vergeer at 5-5 in the first set.

But Vergeer's class came through as she went on to win the gold medal 7-5, 6-1.

However, Whaley will take a great deal of satisfaction from her overall performance as the clock ticks down to the Paralympic Games.

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Models shown are the Alto 1.0 52Z A/T available at £7,765, Splash 1.2 52Z A/T available at £9,254 and Swift 1.0 52Z A/T available at £8,836 on the road (metallic paint available at £980 to £390). Alto, Splash and Swift range official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km): urban 48.4 (7.4) to 55.4 (5.1), extra urban 56.5 (5.0) to 78.5 (3.6), combined from 48.4 (5.7) to 67.2 (4.2). Official CO2 emissions from 133g/km to 187g/km.

Maximum customer saving of £2,335**

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